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Shansi Mission

Report of Committee on Education
— 1889 —
Presented at the Annual Meeting in 1890.

In reviewing the educational work of our Mission one cannot resist a feeling of joy and gratitude, that what a few years ago, seemed impossible has now become an accomplished fact.

At the Annual Meeting in May 1887, a resolution was passed postponing the educational work, as was thought by some indefinitely, but by others for the shortest possible time.

In 1888 permission was granted to the "brethren in Taiku" station to open a school and $100 was appropriated for that purpose but this motion was carried through the generosity of one who did not believe that the time had come to open such work.

At the Annual Meeting in 1889 the committee reported a number of pupils promised, and the arrangements for opening the school completed, and with faith in the guiding hand of Providence in this matter, asked for $300 to prosecute

the work. This was unanimously granted: for at this time the sentiment of the mission was favorable to this branch of the work. It is interesting to note that the Lord seemed to lay this burden of this work upon the Mission when the time had come to open it.

In the Fall of 1888 the Missionaries in Faiku came together almost spontaneously at the opening of the Fall work to talk over important matters, and, there, the first word was about the School. All were surprised and delighted to find that everyone had been thinking and praying over the subject and felt impressed that God was calling us to take up this work at once. The Lord had put the same thought in every heart.

Those who think that schools spring up spontaneously can have little conception of the amount of work it required to put this school in operation. But God's hand was in it and it could not but succeed

The school was visited by one member

of the Committee last November and it seemed to him that the pupils had made rapid progress.
During the Spring term they studied and became familiar with the book of Genesis, and this Fall they took up the "Life of Christ" in the Gospels. We are confident that there are few American Children of the age of these children who can answer more clearly than these boys can questions on the life of our Lord. Mrs. Clapp our teacher has given a brief report of the work which is appended to this.
On the whole we believe the work of the past year, while coming short of our ideal, has been a decided success, and we lift our hearts in thankfulness to our Lord and Master, that He has so signally blessed us. We believe this work is only begun, but we look forward with hope and confidence to the future, believing that what the

Lord has begun he will sustain and perfect. We also feel that the thanks of the mission are due to Mr. & Mrs. Clapp who have been patient and faithful in instructing the children and efficient in the general management of the school work.

Respectfully Submitted
in behalf of the Committee
Francis M. Price

Francis M. Price
D. H. Clapp
Jas. B. Thompson
} Committee.

Report on Education
1889

Rec'd April 16, 1890

Shansi Mission

Report of Medical Work

T'aiku Station.

As this report only extends over a period of three months, there is not much to say of the medical work, and especially as the Dispensary has been open regularly only once a week on Saturday afternoons.

Bro. Blapp and I began the Dispensary work on Oct. 26 1889 in the street chapel. Later, as that place was found to be very inconvenient we treated patients as they have been brought in from the street chapel one by one.

There have been treated

258 men
15 women
263 Total

Average number per week 10
" " " "
for the first ten weeks 23
Largest number. Nov. 16 87
Smallest " Jan. 18 5

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Shansi Mission
Dr. Tom Education

Diseases of the eye, of the digestive organs, and of the lungs have predominated. A number of abcesses have been opened, and one man was fitted with a truss after reducing a very large hernia.

Brother Belapp sees several patients during the week of whom no record is kept.

Two cases of fracture have been treated. A young man 18 yrs. old was brought to the station Nov. 20 with a compound fracture of the left leg. He recovered and was discharged Jan. 16-'90

The other, the nine year old son of one of the servants, fell from a house Dec. 4, and broke his right thigh. Discharged, cured Jan. 11. '90

We have attended several opium cases, The last two were children 11 and 3 years of age.

As I obtain a better knowledge of the language, and can take up the work independently I hope my department of the work may be a great help in bringing healing to the soul as well as the body

Respectfully submitted
James Goldsbury M. D.

Medical Report.

Report on Medical Work for Oct. - Dec. - Jan. '89-'90 & April 16, 1890

Chansi Mission
1889

Report of Bib. Svc. Ser. & Tract Depositary year 1889.

Dear Brethren:—

The work of this department the past year has been rather meagre, owing partly to ill health on the part of some of the members and partly to the fact that our working force has been so small. It is proper to say, however, that the tabulated statement here with subjoined does not represent all that has been done in this line. For instance, I have sold a goodly number of books and tracts from a stock I bought from the Depositary three years ago. I think the same is true also of the other brethren - These of course, being private property, could not appear in this report.

It is due to Brother Thompson to say, that he has sold the most of the books and tracts taken from the depositary this year, his sales amounting to more than 1800 copies aggregating in value nearly 12000 cash, while the whole number

Report on Medical Work 1889

Medical Report.

sold by the Mission out of the Depositary was only 2187 valued at $1.24 (Mexican)

At our last Annual Meeting it was recommended that each member furnish the depositary a list of all the sales made during the year, also any interesting items arising from this work, so that he might have something from which to make out an interesting report to present here. But some how all seemed to forget it but Mr. Thompson. He has furnished a complete list of his sales and it has been no little help in making out this report. He seems to have forgotten the items however.

Last year permission was asked and granted to expend a few dollars in fitting up a suitable room in which to arrange the books and tracts in proper & convenient order. This has not been done, as your depositary felt that the room in which he has been obliged to keep the books was not really suitable for the purpose and there was no other room the premises that could be spared,

so he has gotten on without - Possible changes the coming year perhaps will give us a chance to secure such a room as is needed for this purpose.

When Mr. Stimson went away last year, he turned over ~~to~~ the Mission a large number of books and tracts at merely a nominal price - bare enough to cover certain expenses he had borne in getting them here and housing them.

In the subjoined tabulated statement they are put down as granted and then the price paid for them is indicated in the cash account as "expenses to M. L. Stimson. This plan was adopted because 1. Mr. Stimson did not give any list of number or prices and 2. the amount was so small that the depositary was at a loss to know how otherwise to make a price list that would be at all satisfactory - The books have however all been listed and priced and as appears from the subjoined statement.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. Clapp.

Mission Depositary

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Shansi Mission
Rec'd Apr. 16. 1890.

Statement of the Bib. Soc. Cor. & Tract Depositary for year 1889.

I. Scriptures & Portions belonging to Am. Bib. Soc.			Copies	Value	
1. On hand at the beginning of the year			2852	$48	47
2. Received from purchases during " "			50	2	50
3. Total			2902	50	97
4. Sold during the year			133	4	67
5. On hand Dec. 31-1889			2769	46	30
II. Scriptures & Portions belonging to Mission					
	copies	value			
Bought of Mr. Perks	500	$2.35			
Part of grant from Rev. M. L. Stimson	874	22.26	1374	24	61
Sold during the year			218	2	64
			1156	21	97
III. Books & Tracts belonging to Mission					
A. Taiku Station					
	copies	value			
On hand Jan. 1-1889	7789	$76.74			
Purchases	200	4.00	7989	80	74
Trans. & sold, during the year.			779	7	97
			7210	72	77
B. Fenchow for Station					
	copies	value			
Remainder of grant from Rev. M. L. Stimson	9159	$57.54			
Transfered from Taiku	120	3.88	9279	61	42
Sold during the year			1528	7	16
			7751	54	26

Correspondence Depositary. 1889.

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Summary

IV.		copies	value	copies	value
A.	Scriptures & Portions				
1.	On Land Jan. 1. 1889	2852	$48.47		
2.	Rec'd from purchase & grant	1424	27.11	4276	75 38
3.	Sold during the year			351	7 31
4.	On Land Dec. 31. 1889			3925	68 27
B.	Books & Tracts				
	On Land Jan. 1-1889	7789	$76.74		
	Rec'd from grant & purchases	10159	61.54	17948	138 28
	Sold during this year			2187	11 25
	On Hand of these Dec. 31. 1889			15761	127 03
V.	Grand Total on Hand				
	Scriptures & Portions	3925	$68.27		
	Books & Tracts	15761	127.03	19686	195 30

Statement of Bible Society
Correspondent & Tract
Depositary. 1889

Rec'd April 16, 1890

Treasurer's Report Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission in 1890.

When I took up the work of this office last March I called to mind a remark of my associate in Cleveland O.
When he was in Austria, he was called upon to take up just such work, in which he had never had experience; but he said in his hearty way, "I asked the Lord to help me, did the best I could and came out all right."
I have followed his example in the first two respects but whether I shall "come out all right" I am not able to say.
You will see by the "comparative statement" that we have a total surplus of taels 1938.77.
There is also a defecit in the school work of taels 55.74 this does not affect the total surplus. There is however a fund for Building Chapel in Fen chow fu of taels 450.82 which should be deducted from the total surplus.
The amount appropriated for rents has

Distributed Bible Society

not been used and also the amount appropriated for work in Li man Chuang.
With regard to these funds and the surplus I beg to present the following recommendations.
1. That the fund $450.82 be continued as a fund to purchase or build a chapel in Fen chou fu. It may seem best to buy a street chapel in the business part of the city, and this fund which is devoted to "Building a Chapel" may properly be used to purchase if it can be done more wisely.
2. That the Amount appropriated for rents in T'aiku be continued for use this year, 1890.
The money was not used last year because we could not find the house but it will be necessary to rent property in T'ai Ku for the Medical and School work, and the amount $129.84 is about what will be needed (3) That the surplus over the amount granted for Medical work last year be devoted to that pur-

pose this year. and that the $100.00 which was voted for an out-station at Li man Chuang and not used be devoted to the same purpose. This will give for the Medical work of 1890 $ 188.72 or nearly $150.00

4. That the deficit in the School Work be made up from the contingent. The real surplus in the contingent, after deducting the Chapel fund, is $ 95.13, the amount of this deficit is $55.74.

5. That the surplus from "Touring" amounting to $99.81 be devoted to the work of opening the work in Shên Shui hsien and other out stations During the present year the funds in the hands of the Presbyterian Press in Shanghai and James Dalziel of the same place have been withdrawn and placed in the hands of Mr. H. J. Bostwick and henceforth our business with firms in Shanghai will pass through his hands.

Orders on Mr. Postwick may be obtained from the treasurer.

I desire to say that the books came into my hands in an orderly condition and by following the example of the Treasurer I have found little trouble in keeping the books.

I also desire to thank my brethren for their patience and forbearance as well as their kind sympathy with me in the work of the past year.

Respectfully Submitted
Francis M. Price
acting Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report.
1889

Rec'd April 16, 1890

Annual Report of the Shansi Mission for 1898

"It is rarely that a year's work of any kind ~~can be reviewed with the feeling~~ shows that all that was hoped and planned at the beginning has been accomplished. ~~But it is~~ Existing this is not the case with our Mission.

We have not reached our ideal, but we have striven towards it, and are assured that there is no need for discouragement. Plans were made, it is true, that it was impossible to fully carry out, and there are persons concerning whose change from darkness to light we felt more hopeful a year ago than now. And yet the Lord has been with us, and blessed us, and permitted us to see some fruit of our labor. V. p. 3 [ ]

Evangelistic work has been carried on at both stations. It has consisted of regular Sabbath services, with good attendance and attentive hearers, preaching in Tai Chapels, village work, touring, selling books, distributing tracts and religious instruction given in connection with school and dispensary.

Valuable assistance in Tai Chapel work has been rendered ~~by native Christians, viz.~~ by Mr. Tsui at Fenchow-fu, and at Taiku by Mr. Lu,

Native Christian work.

the boys' teacher. The whole number of villages visited is ~~between 70 & 80~~ about seventy five. The scarcity of workers and the consequent heavy burdens of the few who have a working use of the language render the number smaller than we could wish, but it does not fall below that of last year.

Several attempts have been made during the year to open ~~a station~~ establish work at Wên-shui, but the hostility of the Magistrate has made it impossible to rent property. The place has however been worked from Tsên-chun-fu. Five trips have been made to Wên-shui, twenty two surrounding villages visited, besides one trip to Chiao-Chiang forty li north of Wên-shui.

Books have been sold as usual, but more attention has been paid to the distribution of tracts, large numbers of which have been used, especially in and about Tsên-chun-fu.

The school under the supervision of Mrs. Claff has been carried on as usual, with an average attendance of about fifteen. We have reason to believe that substantial progress has been made, and that the boys are daily learning in what consists the real

essence of the religion of Jesus.

for p. 1 [The force of the Mission was reduced last spring by the return to the United States of Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Price, occasioned by Mr. Price's illness, ~~This left but two men in the Mission who possessed a working use of the language.~~

In November last the Mission was reinforced by the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Atwood formerly of this Mission, recently of Shan-tung, and Misses Bird and Hewett, so that ~~our~~ we now number thirteen persons on the ground.

The health of the Mission has been good in the main, although most of its members have suffered more or less from la grippe.

There have been two births during the year; a son to Dr. & Mrs. Goldstuck on May 15; and on Dec. 16 a son to Rev. & Mrs. Davis.

We have also one death to record, the infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Davis, who came to be with us but four brief days, and then to be forever with the glorified throng of the redeemed.

In Fu-chow-fu there have been no applicants for baptism and no professed inquirers.

A Vai-ku, Lau Shien Shen, the boys' teacher,

and at least one of the boys in the school give evidence that they have been renewed by the Spirit, and are endeavoring to live consistent Christian lives, ~~and~~ We believe that others of the boys also are coming slowly to the light. For these tokens of God's ~~with these yet in mind~~ we give devout thanks to God, and cherish the ~~believing~~ confident assurance that in due time Christ shall reign supreme over all his provinces, and throughout the whole ~~in the Empire of China~~. Empire of China."

~~Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Mission~~

Rowena Bird
Compiler of Annual Report

Filed June 10, '91.

Medical Report of Shansi Mission for 1890.

The full report of the cases treated at Tai-ku cannot be made, as unfortunately the record was partially destroyed in the recent fire

The work at Tai ku has been interrupted by absences at Tai-yuen-fu, one of them prolonged, one for recreation and twice and twice to assist Missionaries of the English Baptist and China Inland Missions. The work was also interrupted for some time by sickness

Very little more was done this year than was attempted last. Some urgent cases have been seen during the week, but the greater part of the cases have been treated Saturday P. M's. when if the physician has not been able to be present Brother Clapp has taken charge. He has rendered valuable ~~as~~ service both as interpreter and assistant, all during the year and has also been able to do considerable preaching to and conversing with waiting patients

During the present year with an increasing knowledge of the language, and

the aid of a trained native assistant, the physician hopes to take charge of the clinic work, leaving the evangelist free to carry on the Gospel work.

The members of this Tai-ku station as well as those at Fen-chow-fu enjoyed good health up till October, when nearly all at both places suffered more or less severely from the influenza. This disease left the children at Fen-chow-fu in a very weak condition so that they suffered from complication for some time after. Dr. Atwood providentially arrived during the epidemic and rendered very timely aid to the sick ones at both stations.

As Dr. Atwood did not finally settle at Fen-chow-fu till about Dec. 1st there is little to report from there. The sick people hearing that a foreign doctor had come into the place, came to be cured at the rate of from one or two to ten a day

So that up to Jan 1-91 some fifty or sixty persons were treated. In one case Dr. Atwood was called to an

opium case (attempted suicide) in one of the influencial shops on one of the great streets and saved the case. Brother Price has made himself very useful in treating a number of simple cases from time to time.

At Lei Man Cahneng, our summer out station, something over 100 cases were treated. Estimating the the cases on the record book at 950. and with 150 which Br. Claff treated from day to day, and kept a private record of, it amounts to about 1200 cases treated from Tacken station ~~last~~ the past year.

A few minor operations have been performed such as the amputation of fingers and toes, opening abcesses, cutting of fistula, two cases of tapping the abdomen and one of circumcision. There also a number of teeth extracted, and several bruises dressed & a number of opium suicide caces were treated, mostly by Mr. Claff.

A bullet was removed from beneath the right sholder of a mason's assistant. The patient made a good recovery, and has seemed very grateful to the foreigners and

has been a constant attendant at Sabbath service. We hope he may realize the Spiritual as well as the physical blessing, that the Foreigners can bring to him

As the language becomes more familiar, it is our great desire to bring many under the Gospel's influence, through the gift of healing, and to take a personal part in telling the sin sick people of Christ's love, and of his death and resurrection here on earth, that he might save them from their sins.

Respectfully submitted.
J. A. Goldsbury.

Filed June 10, 1891.

1890.

AN. REPORT OF THE SHANSI MISSION FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC.31ST,1891.

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The tenor of the different reports brought togetger for this An.Meeting is certainly of an encouraging nature.

The peace and harmony, as well as the general good health and activity of the Mission, warrent us in the hope and faith that the coming year will, with God's renewed blessing, be one of growth and advancement.

New doors have been opened and new opportunities afforded which the workers seem to have faithfully improved; here a little, there a little as the circumstances would justify.

The different branches of the work seem to be developing symmetrically and the whole outlook assuming good proportions.

"Preaching the word" in chapel or street is the body of the tree while the medical branch including the opium work supplements the growth in one way as the educational branch does in another.

The Report of the Com. on examination in Chinese indicates faithful work on the part of the candidates and it is with great pleasure we note that the young ladies rightly take the lead.

The Report on New Work as presented by Rev. J. B. Thompson is encouraging from the fact that the people in this village where foreigners have never lived before seem to be friendly and willing to listen to the Truth.

The school in Taiku gives us all cause for thankfulness that one so well fitted and situated as Mrs. Clapp is can devote her time so wholly and successfully to the work. And I am sure we all thank the Lord that Mr. Liu continues to give evidence of good growth in his spiritual life and interest in the spread of the Gospel.

Merely mentioning the fact that a certain number of villages have been visited, tracts distributed and the Word preached, that a large number of patients have been attended and help afforded does not mean a great deal to one who may chance to read of the work done but to us who know the difficulties and discouragements' the rebuffs and epithets attending this work of an evangelist, teacher, or doctor, it means a great deal and, if done in the spirit of the Master, it means much toward advancing the Kingdom of the Lord in this heathen land. We speak of "little things" lightly sometimes but have we a right to call anything little that is undertaken in the name of Jesus and accompanied by the work of the Holy Spirit ?

The result of the year's work so far as we can count results seems to resolve itself into the following condensed report.

In Taiku Station seventeen (17) persons have publicly confessed their faith in Christ and signed a covenant to follow the Lord. Faithful work has been done in the school; and a station class for women and children was held for about two months. The medical work has been of large importance and new accoppodations for the future are greatly needed.

In Fen Cho Fu three inquirers have been enrolled with faith

in their desire to become Christians. New and convenient buildings have been erected for the accommodation of the medical work and with this very substantial aid the future is encouraging and the outlook bright. A class is held weekly in a village near the city and several women and children are being taught the Truth.

New Work has been opened at Jen Ts'un.

Native helpers are being given us who can preach the Truth from the heart and with an understanding tongue. Let us take heed that we despise not the least of these little ones !

Two new members have come to aid in this great work with a certain prospect of others this year.

We feel thankful for all these blessings and humbly ask the Great Leader to supplement every word or deed undertaken in His Name during the year now opened before us.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Mission,

EVA J. PRICE,

Compiler of An. Report.

Year ending Dec. 31-1891

Rec'd May 16-1892

AN. REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE SHANSI MISSION FOR 1891.

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We are glad to report that the health of the members of this Mission has been generally good considering the presence of LaGrippe diphtheria and other epidemics among the Chinese around us. There have been some slight attacks of La Grippe and other diseases but the general health of the Mission has been good, and the workers were in better condition to enter on a new year's duties at the end of 1891 than they were at its beginning.

The work at the dispensaries has been kept up without interruption during the year at Taiku and Fencho Fu each of the doctors holding semi-weekly clinics. In addition to this Dr. Atwood held daily clinics during March and April until compelled to return to semi-weekly clinics on account of his superintendance of the building operations in Fencho Fu. Dr. Goldsbury also while summering at Liman gave weekly clinics there as well as attending the regular clinics at Taiku. Early in December a branch dispensary was opened at Jen Ts'un where Dr. Goldsbury intends to make monthly visits.

The hospital work at Fencho Fu is now fairly on its feet wit large promise of great usefulness. Through the liberality of the Board Fencho Fu now possesses a dispensary and waiting room which is also used as a chapel, and comfortable rooms for 2o or 3o in-patients At Taiku there is a pressing need of a hospital large enough to accommodate 25 or 3o patients, with separate rooms or wards for men and women and special cases where the patients can have better sanitary surroundings. The prospect is that at both these places the rooms would be quickly filled to their utmost Chinese capacity. At present there are ten at Fencho Fu including opium patients and the rooms have been dry enough for such use less than a month. Owing to the lack of an appropriation for medicine for Fencho Fu the work there has been hindered and obliged Dr. Atwood to borrow from Dr. Goldsbury's limited stock and to purchase drugs on his personal a/c.

The statistics show that at Taiku there were 176o cases treated, at Liman 249 and at Jen Ts'un 43, making a total of 2o52 treatments to about 1ooo different persons. At Fencho Fu, Dr. Atwood was hindered by lack of rooms, medicine, and time owing to his superintendance of the new buildings, but he still found time to give 12oo treatments to a proportionate number of persons. About 25 per cent. of the whole number (of 3252) were women; 87 were surgical cases, and 72 were opium patients who sometimes received other treatment. Dr. Goldsbury had the assistance of a native helper for 9 months who quietly left like an Arab. A trained native helper is a prime necessity at both dispensaries. Of the surgical cases the larger number were successful. Two of the cases were prominent men from Ch'ing Yuan a hsien city two days' journey north of Fencho Fu. These two men broke off opium at the same time that they were undergoing treatment after operation for cataract. At their earnest invitation Dr. Atwood visited them at their home where he was very

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hospitably received, and an entrance for Gospel truth was gained to a number of their friends who listened to the Word as preached and took books to read. Many interesting incidents might be recorded if space and time permitted. To indicate the moral disease afflicting Chinese society which drugs and surgey cannot heal and nothing but the Great Physician can cure are cases like the following :-- One case was that of a man 63 years old who was bitten in the head by another old man aged 67 on account of bad language; another case of a woman bitten in the hand by a woman in a fight caused by a scandal; another case where a young man 30 years of age had his finger nearly bitten off by his uncle for using disrespectful language. This shows the need of the leavening power of Christianity.

It is the universal testimony of missionary physicians that the daily teaching and talking with in-patients is the most effective plan of bringing the sick under the influence of the Gospel and convincing them of its truth, and therefore we earnestly desire that it may be put into the hearts of our Christian friends at home to provide the means to build a hospital at Taiku and add the necessary rooms for an increase of patients and separate wards for women and opium patients at Fencho Fu.

At Taiku Brothers Clapp, Thompson, and Liu have preached and talked with the patients and at Fencho Fu Dr. Atwood who is both evangelist and physician has ministered to soul and body. We have now a native evangelist in both stations to help in the work of preaching to the patients daily. The work has some discouraging aspects, particularly in the opium refuge work, of these very few profess to come to leave off because they believe that opium-using is a sin, but there are several who we believe will not return to the habit because they have been taught and appear to believe that it is a sin. The native evangelist at Fencho Fu was converted in an opium refuge and gives every evidence of sincerity and usefulness.

We pray and ask your prayers that those who come to us for medical treatment may be led by the Holy Spirit to seek more light and so be delivered from the power of darkness and transformed by the renewing of Christ's grace in their hearts to witness for Christ and advance His kingdom in Shansi and China.

Respectfully submitted for the Mission,

F. W. DAVIS,
Compiler of An. Medical Report.

Transc. Mission for Sept
Rec'd May 16-1892

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1891.

Presented at the Tenth An. Meet of the Shansi Mission, Feb. 21-24, '92.

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The Treasurer remembers that brevity is the soul of wit, and therefore forbears to detail the events of the past year except to remark that the resumption of the gold standard and the use of 900 as a fixed rate of exchange between Tientsin taels and U. S. Gold has saved the office many tedious multiplications and divisions. The net loss to the Board on a/c of the silver question in the U.S. has been $77.77 on total sales of $7000.00, a per cent of only .01111. The average rate of sales was 890.56; $3500.00 being sold at less than 890; $1500.00 between 890 and 900; and $2000.00 at 906. The lowest sale of $1000.00 at 863 was on July 8, since which date nothing has been sold less than 896 and the two last sales were both for 906. Mr. Ward having sanctioned the use of 900 as a fixed rate of exchange for 1891 with the tacit understanding that its use could be continued if found satisfactory, your Treasurer would recommend

1. That the Shansi Mission adopt 900 as the fixed rate of exchange between Tientsin taels and U. S. Gold until such time as the Pru. Com. of the Am. Board see fit to change it.

The Comparative statement shows a surplus of $16409.46; with a surplus in all departments except medicine where in spite of carrying over the surplus from two appropriations for 1890 the total of both was used up and Dr. Atwood is carrying the balance on his personal account.

The total of appropriations is raised to $14298.39 by $4050. granted for land, wall, house, dispensary, and chapel, and other buildings for the physician at Nan Shui Ching in Fencho Fu; $50.00 granted for Paul Atwood's school expenses; also including $233.06 carried over from 1890 to augment the limited appropriation for medicine for 1891.

The Schedule of appropriations for 1892 just in shows that the Board is still able and willing to grant us what we need and ask for, showing a total of $11640.00: Salaries, $8800; Teachers, $410.; Rent, $150. ; Education, $300. ; 1/2 Mail Service $140. ; Medicines, 500. ; Repairs, $515. ; Contingent, $825. ; which last includes besides the ordinary appro. for contingent, Touring, Chapels, and New Work for which three items $450. was appropriated last year. The Treasurer would therefore recommend

2. That $250 be set apart for the new station at Jen Ts'un and that the remainder be equally devided between Taiku and Fencho Fu stations for purposes above named.

There are two special funds on hand which have been appropriated for special uses the past year without being used. The one granted for 'Rikshas was voted at last An. Meeting for sedan chairs, but further discussion showed that there was no immediate need for them and by no means unanimous consent to their purchase. At pre-

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1891.

Presented at the Tenth An. Mee't of the Shawsi Mission, p.p. 21-24, '92.

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The Treasurer remarks that brevity is the soul of wit, and therefore forbears to detail the events of the past year except to remark that the resumption of the old standard and the use of Goo as a fixed rate of exchange between Tientsin taels and U. S. Gold has saved the office many tedious multiplications and divisions. The net loss to the Board on a/c of the silver question in the U.S. has been $277.77 on total sales of $7000.00, a per cent of only 3.9 nett. The average rate of exchange was 880.50; where no Gold sold at less than 880; $1800.00 between 880 and 900; and $2000.00 at 900. The lowest sale of $1000.00 at 863 was on July 8, since which date nothing has been sold less than 880 and the two last sales were both for 900. Mr. Ward having sanctioned the use of 900 as a fixed rate of exchange for 1891 with the tacit understanding that its use could be continued if found satisfactory, the Treasurer would recommend

1. That the Shansi Mission adopt 900 as the fixed rate of exchange between Tientsin taels and U. S. Gold until such time as the Gen. Com. of the Am. Board see fit to change it.

The comparative statement shows a surplus of $1466.46; with a surplus in all departments except medicine where in spite of carrying over the surplus from two appropriations for 1889 the total of both was used up and Dr. Atwood is carrying the balance on his personal account.

The total of appropriations is raised to $14298.35 by $4650. Grants for land, wall, houses, dispensary, and chapel, and other buildings for the physician at Han Shui Ching in Fencho fu, $50.00 Grants for Paul Atwood's school expenses; also including $225.05 carried over from 1890 to augment the limiting appropriation for medicine for 1891.

The Schedule of appropriations for 1892 just in shows that the Board is still able and willing to grant us what we need and ask for, showing a total of $11640.00: Salaries, $8800; Teachers, $640.; Rent, $180.; Education, $300.; 1/2 Mail Service $140.; Medicines, 600.; Repairs, $515.; Contingent, $625.; which last includes beside the ordinary appro. for contingent, touring, Chapels, and New Work for which three items $450. was appropriated last year. The Treasurer would therefore recommend

2. That $250 be set apart for the new station at Jen Tsun and that the remainder be equally divided between Taiku and Fencho as stations for purposes above named.

There are two special funds on hand which have been appropriated for special uses the past year without being used. The one granted for Rikisha was voted at last An. Meeting for sedan chairs, but further discussion showed that there was no immediate need for them and by no means unanimous consent to their purchase. At pre-

sent the feeling seems to be that we should wait before purchasing either. The other fund originally granted to F. M. Price for a summer house and voted last year towards the expense of printing the Life of Christ in Chinese by F. M. Price remains unused because the No. China.Tract So. still have the book under consideration. The other funds require no special mention, the appro. for 1892 appears to be ample enough to enable us to omit the usual attempt to add the unexpended surplus of one year to the appropriations for the next, and God helping us we shall spend the bounty of Christian beneficence granted us with wisdom and discretion and for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in Shansi. With thanks to all my ~~brethren~~ fellow members for their sympathy and cooperation with me in the duties of the office,

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. DAVIS, Treasurer.

for 1891.

Rec'd May 16-1892

Report of Tarkio Station for year ending Dec. 31st 1891.

The year just closed has been the most encouraging in our history. The three lines of work attempted in former years have been steadily carried forward and with some degree of success. As there is to be a separate report for both the medical and educational work, this deals only with the general and evangelistic. At the beginning of the year we were greatly cheered and strengthened in faith as well as ~~numbers, by the~~ baptism of Mr. Liu, the boys school teacher, which took place in the presence of the Mission in the chapel at Tarkio on the 1st of March last. He had previously past a most satisfactory examination of his Christian experience conducted by Dr. Atwood and has since proven himself an earnest and consistent Christian full of zeal and good works. He has rendered valuable services, not only as teacher, but as preacher in the street and domestic chapels and we feel that God has given him great opportunities and influence as well as much of his Spirit to enable him to understand and tell to others the wonderful love of God.

Village Work. It is a cause of regret that so little has been accomplished this year in this line. Still we have done what we could. During the spring quite a number of villages were visited and several affairs were attended, in all of which books + tracts were sold and preaching done on the streets and in shops. During the month of Dec. last we visited, with the help of Tsu Chiao yu about thirty in the vicinity of Taihu, and sold two or three thousand cash worth of books. It is only just to say that Tsu has done the most of this work and has rendered good, faithful service.

The attendance at street and domestic chapel has been steady and increasing, latterly filling the house on the Sabbath during two services and the best of order and attention has prevailed. I may say here, tho' somewhat anticipating the work of another year, that just as the year closed there appeared a marked seriousness among those regular attendants upon the Sabbath service and since then some seventeen persons have publicly professed their faith in Christ and signed a covenant to henceforth leave sin and idolatry and follow the Lord. Had sincere

these are time only can tell.

In accordance with the vote of permission passed at our last annual meeting Mr & Mrs. Clapp took a vacation of about four and a half or five months, visiting various places in Chihli and Shantung and at the coast. This trip, tho' apparently not demanded on the score of health, they feel has been a great help by way of change of scene and in Christian fellowship and intercourse with others engaged in the same work. Some ~~[illegible]~~ two different mission stations of different societies were visited in the course of the trip and they returned about the middle of Oct. to take up their work with new hope and fresh zeal, grateful to the mission for the privilege granted and especially to a kind Providence who watched over their every step and made all the way, both out and in, easy and smooth. During their absence Mr. Thompson kindly took charge of the school and evangelistic work in Tsaiku.

<u>Station Classes</u> Last spring three of Mr. Liu's family came to our place and received daily instruction by Mrs. Clapp for one month.

The instruction given also at morning prayers was made as simple and helpful as possible that they might receive more benefit therefrom. These women all seemed to take a remarkable interest in the truth and considering the length of time they were with us and that a brief hour a day which it was possible for Mrs. Blapp to teach them and the fact that none of them could read they learned with great rapidity and seemed to absorb every thing they heard and expressed much satisfaction with what they ~~had learned when~~ they came to go away. Two of these women also spent sometime in Fen Chow fu during the summer and were instructed further there. Again early this winter Mrs Liu and her daughter came for another months study and instruction but unfortunately the daughter was called away after a few days and could not get much. It was gratifying to note, however, before she went, that the previous terms instruction had not been forgotten, neither by her nor her mother, but they had carefully treasured all that had been taught them in good and honest

hearts. The mother remained the whole month and seemed to have a growing sense of her need of a Saviour from sin and with others referred to above publicly expressed her desire to live for the Lord.

One young man also a relative of this family that, we hope, started out on the Christian course. He was cured of his opium habit by Dr. Atwood, and in the fall came to Tarsus and stayed with us for nearly three months studying the doctrine and paying his board. He was regularly and daily instructed, carefully going thro' the catechism of Christian doctrine, on the Ten Commandments and "Manual of Inquirers". He seems like a very earnest man and, if he has the root of the matter in him, well, I think, be an active Christian.

One or two opium patients were successfully treated, but there has been no effort to do any thing in that line as we have had no proper place. Next year we shall have room to do something in this line, as we believe in it as an important adjunct to our work. It is our intention, however, to limit our treatment mainly to those who are more or less interested.

A new departure has been taken this year in the conduct of our work by the employment of two men as native assistants: one evangelist from North China Mission, Mr. Wang, and the other Tsui Chuan yu, known to you all as a sort of an assistant, tho' you can hardly call him an evangelist. He has helped Dr. Goldsbury some in the dispensary and the rest of the time has been engaged in visiting villages. As they began to work in the last month of the year it is too early to give much account of their service. So far they have done fairly well and with entire willingness all that has been required of them. The salaries paid are five Taels, and four thousand cash respectively. Besides this I have allowed Tsui a commission on the books sold.

New Members

Mr & Mrs. Ed. L. Williams, having been appointed to the mission last year, arrived in China last August, but finally decided to remain at the coast for at least a part of the year's study before coming inland. We expect them to join this mission the coming spring or summer.

At his own request Mr Thompson was allowed to change his station from Wm Shuittsun to Jin Tsun a large town about fifteen miles from Tauku. But as he expects to make that a station by itself, he will present the report.

Dr. & Mrs. Goldsbury and Miss Bird have been prosecuting their studies with vigor & success but all have rendered valuable service as they have been able. They spent the summer at our usual summer resort and returned refreshed and invigorated for the fall and winter campaign.

It is pleasing to report that by previous arrangement an examination in the Chinese language was held in Tauku of Revs. Messrs. Price & Davis & Dr Goldsbury and Misses Bird & Newell. A report of this is to be presented elsewhere but it is proper to say here that all the candidates expressed themselves as well-pleased with the conduct of the examination and hope to be able to take another this year.

Altogether, as in former years, we must say that the outlook for the station was never more encouraging. With the school in good

condition, the medical work increasing & the facilities at hand for pushing more vigorously than ever the evangelistic department, we thank God & take courage

Submitted for the Station

D. N. Clapp.

Report of Tacken Station for 1891

Rec'd Oct. 11-1892

Report of Tacken Station for year 1891

Annual Report of Teacher Boys School for year 1891.

The time covered by this report is from Mar 1st '91 to Jan 25th '92. The reason for adopting this calendar is that it coincides most nearly with the Chinese year, to which all our arrangements must necessarily conform to a greater or less degree. The school was in session in all a trifle over nine months; the first a spring term extending from Mar 1st to July 5th and the fall and winter term from Sept 2d to Jan 25, '92 thus leaving a month at New Years and two months in the summer for vacation. Mr. Lee has had charge of the Chinese department and Mrs Clapp of the foreign n. for the most part. During her absence in the summer Mr. Thompson very kindly took charge and taught most of the classes which Mrs. Clapp had usually taught & Mr. Lee took charge of the others. Miss Bird has also rendered much valuable assistance in singing and in taking charge of one or two small classes. An increasing interest has been shown both by pupils and patrons in more regular attendance and less desire to absent themselves to attend fairs and theaters. This is partly, perhaps the result of a system of rewards in

Report of Teacher School for

shape of card etc. for good lessons.

The health of the pupils has been good on the whole and the pupils remarkably free from the prevailing diseases. Two cases of serious illness occurred, both probably diphtheria, one of which proved fatal after a brief illness. The other has barely now recovered tho' he was taken down early in the tenth month. To avoid the danger of contagion both were sent home when first taken sick and thus providentially the malady did not spread among the pupils.

Mr Lee has rendered most efficient service both as teacher and advisor. He has taken a very deep interest in the moral and spiritual welfare of his pupils as well as their training in the classics. Quite a number of the boys were brought in by him and he paid for the tuition of three, which probably he will not very easily get back of at all and I know of at least one other case where he offered to pay at least half of the boys fees if he would come, but the father evidently thought he would pay the whole and so held off. We understand he intends to send him next year.

About a month before the end of the

winter term there appeared a marked seriousness among the students and others on the place and several expressed a desire to be Christians. How deep the work of grace in their hearts is of course it is too early yet to say but we believe that at least some of them have been genuinely impressed by the Holy Spirit. One indication of this was noted in the confession of particular sins, such as lying, lust and uncongenial temper, stealing, gambling. One boy's father told me he did not know how it was but he knew his boy was very different from what he used to be. The ex-opium smoker is among the most hopeful of the disciples. He gave us much trouble for a time last fall as we felt sure he was deceiving as to his old habit. Mr. Lin finally pounced him down and made him confess and he was isolated from the rest and treated for two or three weeks and has, we hope, given up for good. He seems very bright and happy now and unless he is brought under bondage again during vacation I think will be a good and useful man. Seven of these lads were received on the last Sabbath of the term with others as Probationers and

sometime this next year we hope to baptize them.

The cost or money expense of the school for the year has been about $275.00 including teacher's salary, repairs, fuel, supplies, servants hire & every thing. Of this $203.00 was supplied by the mission and the rest by the pupils & others who were staying on the place being taught as station class or treated for opium, hence paid their board. This makes the cost per pupil a little over $16.00 per capita for every thing which does not seem extravagant. If the present drought continues this will be greatly increased next year. We hope & pray however it may be otherwise, Another house adjoining the one in which we live has been rented and we expect to move the school there in the spring as soon as the place can be vacated and some repairs can be made. The outlook is most encouraging and our prayer is that the Lord may see fit to allow us to continue this most interesting and we believe most fruitful department of our work.

Respectfully submitted

W. Clapp Chairman of Com.

For year ending Oct. 11-1892

For year 1891

Report of Committee on Examination of New Members in Chinese Language.

Dear Brethren: —

Your Committee on Examination of New Members in respect to their progress in the Chinese language beg to present the following report:

In accordance with the vote of the mission taken at our last annual meeting providing for the examination of new members, the secretary on behalf of the mission wrote to Revs E. Morgan of the C.B.M. Tai Yuen fu asking him to act as examiner at such time during the year as the candidates should be ready. Mr. Morgan very kindly responded favorably and after further correspondence it was agreed to hold such examination in Taiku sometime in Nov. In pursuance thereof, those wishing to be examined, including Messrs. Price, Davis, & Goldsbury & Misses Bird and Hewitt, met Mr. Morgan at the home of Rev. D. H. Clapp in Taiku, on the 19th of Nov. and were examined. Papers had been carefully set covering the ground traversed by the candidates. The papers thus set were, so far as the chairman of the committee could judge, sufficiently thorough to give the candidates a fair test of their progress, yet not so rigorous

as to seem needlessly difficult - and we are happy to state the result has in the mean been satisfactory. As this is the first of such examinations in our mission and hence the particular method which would be adopted by the examiner in preparing this paper was not known there would naturally be points upon which some or all of the candidates would be more or less deficient. This was to be expected. Yet we think all would agree that this examination on the whole was a success. And even where the marks were lower than was expected they indicate a fair degree of progress in nearly every case and the deficiencies have been indicated in such a kind and generous spirit by the examiner that all feel encouraged and have a desire to aim at greater thoroughness and proficiency in their future studies. The examiner has very kindly made a few suggestions which it seems to us may well be emphasized at this time. He says: "The spelling of all except one reveals weakness in apprehending correct sound. 2. He earnestly recommends the gentlemen to pay more attention in the future to idiomatic Chinese. In the oral examination there was exhibited a lack in fullness of vocabulary, appreciation of idioms, and

hence difficulty in understanding what was said to them. 3. The young ladies are commended for their thoroughness of their knowledge so far as they were examined which argues well for the advantage of having their whole time for study and not being engrossed with household affairs."

The committee would earnestly recommend the adoption by all these candidates of a plan already followed by at least two of their number of keeping a phrase-book by them and noting carefully phrases and sentences as they hear them spoken by the Chinese. It is to be noted that the one who has done this most faithfully stood at the head in marks at this late examination. The committee also recommend that such examinations be held annually and that all who have been here less than four years and who have not passed these examinations be required to do so with a grade not less than 60 on a scale of one hundred: for as the examiner has well remarked, "Without good speech our usefulness will be much crippled in this land."

They also recommend the following Resolutions to be adopted by the mission and forwarded by the secretary to Rev E Morgan.

Resolved: 1 That we as a mission extend our hearty thanks to the Rev. E. Morgan of the E.B.M. Tai Yuen fu for the efficient & successful examination in the Chinese language of certain of our mission which he recently conducted in Taiku.

2. That we ask him to act again this year in that capacity provided he does not feel the duty too onerous

3. That the expenses of the occasion be contributed to send him

Respectfully Submitted

D. H. Clapp
J. B. Thompson } Com.

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Rec'd. Oct. 22, 1892.

Station Report for Fen Chowfu. Feb. 1892.

Brethren;—

The past year has been largely one of preparation. The new buildings that have been erected have been well planned and are such as we may all be well pleased with.

The residence is convenient and pleasant, the grounds well laid out and tasteful in appearance. The dispensary and waiting-room are joined under one roof and the latter is used at present for a chapel which serves until something better can be provided. Besides these there have been four hospital rooms built and the entire grounds surrounded by a good wall.

Notwithstanding the work of building has taken so much of Dr. Atwood's time, yet there has been regular Sabbath preaching, with but one or two exceptions, during the entire year.

The morning worship has been attended by many of the hospital patients. At present there are on the book, the names of three men as inquirers: two of them have been studying the doctrine nearly a year, and one

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recent applicant. Mr. Tien and Tu we hope soon to examine for church membership.

For a part of the year there was preaching at Tai Lu chiao by Tsin Chiao Yu which we trust will not be without result.

During the summer Mr & Mrs. Davis and Mr. Price's family spent about four months at Yü-tao-ho. During that time Brother Thompson came out from the city and preached four Sabbaths, having large and attentive audiences. One Sabbath Mr Liu from Taiku was with us and preached a very earnest sermon to more than 200 people. He expressed the opinion afterwards that there was a great interest in the gospel there. During the summer fifteen of the surrounding villages were visited, some of them several times. Tracts were freely distributed and attempts made at talking to the people. The interest seemed such that it was with regret we left the place and returned to the city. We trust that some of the Christian truths presented may lead some to a saving knowledge of the gospel.

In the fall Mr. Thompson removed from

Tientsin to open up a new work in Jen town. Although we greatly miss him in the work and in our social life, yet we rejoice in the new opportunity he has to preach to this people and believe his removal to this chosen field has been wise and will result in a blessing to the work of the mission.

In Dec. Dr. Atwood visited Ching Yuan, a city one hundred forty li northeast from Tientsin. He went on an earnest invitation from some men who had been under treatment in the hospital. The visit, he said, was the most encouraging experience he has had in China. His warm & hearty reception shows that we have friends there and some that are truly interested in the doctrine. We believe we shall see good results from this interest.

But not the least in importance is the work done by Mrs. Davis & Miss Newell at Shih Ta, a village five li from the city. They have been paying weekly visits to the village & giving some instruction to some women and girls. There is a good interest manifest which will undoubtedly lead

& good results.

The future looks more encouraging than ever before. The work that has been done in the past few years by Mr. Simson & Mr. Thomson has prepared the way for future work which we believe will soon result in fruit & the glory of God. So in looking backward over the past year & the present prospects we thank God & take courage believing that the time of ingathering is drawing near

Respectfully submitted.
C. N. Price.

Rec'd Feb. 1892.
Oct. 22 "

Exam. of Mem. Mem. bear for year '91.
Read at Ann. Mtg. '92.

REPORT OF T'AIKU STATION FOR YEAR 1892.

The work of this station has been along the lines attempted in years past; viz. :evangelistic, medical, and educational. Each department has been carried forward as vigorously as circumstances and the force available would allow. The evangelistic work shows some new features as wil be seen later on. As the med. and school work wil each be reported seperately only a general notice wil be made here. It is in place, however, to remark that the work in each of these departments has been carried forward with zeal and success. Owing to Dr. G.'s own ilness and several calls away from home to render medical aid to others and to recruit his helth his work has suffered some interruptions. The school work under the care of Mrs. Clapp, Miss Bird, and Mr. Liu, has received much of our attention and prospered, tho no one but Mrs. Clapp has given his whole time to it, Miss Bird being engaged partly in study and Mr. Liu in evangelistic work. The great aim has stedily been to teach the fundamental doctrines of Xianity and to make all else subsidiary. To this end more than ordinary attention has been given to daily devotions and Xn. instruction. In this work much valuable assistance has been rendered by Messrs. Liu and Wang at morning prayers and on the Sabbath and we believe with good results.

The year opened with evident signs of God's Spirit in our midst. During and after the week of prayer tho no special effort was being made, several of the school boys and servants on the place seemed deeply moved and anxious about their sins and desirous of becoming Xns. Just befor the new year holidays 17 persons wer examined and on Sabbath they publicly entered into a strong covenant thenceforth to liv as becometh children of God. Seven of these wer school boys who had been under instruction about two years. Two wer heds of houses and the either destroyed their idols or brought them to us.

Services in the domestic chapel hav been conducted twice on each Sabbath, except during our absence from the city in the summer when only one service a day was held. The Sunday afternoon services hav been in the form of a S.S., the women and school children being devided into classes for instruction under care of the ladies of the station, and the others hav formed a class in the chapel ably conducted by Mr. Liu when he was present and in his absence by Mr. Wang.

This is the first year in wh. a paid native agency has been employed in evangelistic work . Two men hav been employed a part of the time and one all the time. Mr. Ts'ui was paid partly as servant and chapel-keeper, tho most of his work was to visit the outlying villages In this work he did very wel, visiting and preaching in between 80 and 90 different villages and in many of these several times. He also rendered good service as a supply on the Sabbath on several occasions at Liman, Jen Ts'un, and Ch'e Wang. He returned to F.C.Fu in Dec. last at the request of Mr. Davis. Mr. Wang has had charge of the st.chapel and preaching to patients on clinic days, but the former has not prospered. His work wil for a time be changed.

In april last the way seemed open to begin a regular work in the village of Ch'e Wang. Mr. Liu's nephew, Liu Feng Wu had, it was claimed, been thrown out of employment because of his attachment to the foreners and because he desired to be a disciple of Jesus. Mr. Liu sug-

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gested that a day school for boys be started in his village and the young man be employed as teacher. After considerable prayer and reflection and lerning that c suitable premises could be rented cheaply for school purposes, it was decided to open the school at private expense, the two main reasons for this step being , 1st, to gain a permanent foothold in that village without much danger of opposition from the gentry of the place, and 2d, to giv this young man an opportunity to gain an honest living.uAccordingly a small house, conveniently located, was rented at 1000 cash per month and the teacher engaged at 4000 cash a month. Preaching services wer also regularly conducted on the Sabbath by Messrs. Clapp and Liu alternately, except during the summer vacation when Mr. Liu took entire charge. There hav been 7 pupils in regular attendance. Bi-monthly visits wer made to the school and the pupils examined as to their progress in study ,but as the pupils wer small and had never attended school before their progress was slow. In the forenoon they read our Xn books and in the afternoon the nativ. In nine months time, three boys went thru the Xn Three character Classic, Catechism, Important Words of Scrip, and two lerned several chapters in Jno's Gospel. Others only finisht the first two of these and got into the third. They all committed several hymns.

As the main purpose in starting this work was to secure a permanent place in wh. to preach the gospel, it was thought proper to charge the mission with the rent of the house and 1/7 of the incidental expenses, such as fuel, etc. The whole amt. charged is a little over $8.00.

During most of the year there hav been a few regular attendants upon the Sabbath services there and several from the surrounding villages broke off their opium habit and two hav profest an interest in religion and given up idolatry.

In the fall with the codial cooperation of Mr. Liu and family it was decided to begin woman's work in that village. Mr. L. freely offerred his house for such purposes on the Sabbath. This work began about the first of Nov. last, Mrs. Clapp and Miss Bird alternating in making bi-monthly visits and holding religious services with the women of the house and such others as attended. The prospect now is quite hopeful and the ladies feel encouraged to carry it forward as vigorously as strength wil allow.

For more than two years it has been felt be all at the station that better provision ought to be made for our school work. At the close of '91 we had an opportunity to rent the house joining,on the W. the one owned by the mission, and it was secured for three years at an annual rental of $60.00.It was subsequently found necessary to expend between $200 and $300 to put it in a suitable condition to occupy.In April last the school was located on these premises.After returning from the summer vacation Mr. and Mrs. Clapp moved on to the same premises and gave up their former residence to one of the new families, thus making it unnecessary to rent other property.

The summer was spent by Dr. Goldsbury and family and Miss Bird at Liman Chuang and Mr. and Mrs. Clapp at Jen Ts'un with Mr. Thompson. During the months of July and August the evangelistic work in the city was in the care of the helper Mr. Wang, while Dr. Goldsbury held regular clinics each Saturday at the dispensary, not missing a single week.

During the last of August and first of Sept. all returned to the city and with one exception all feeling much benefitted by the change and redy for another year's work. Erly in Sept. Dr. Goldsbury was stricken with fever wh. laid him aside for several weeks. Dr. Atwood was summoned and under his skilful treatment and with careful nursing the disease was overcome. Otherwise, aside from some slight attacks of influenza and one severe attack of inflammation of the eys wh. laid Miss Bird aside a couple of weeks, the helth of the station has been fairly good.

In Oct. it was our delightful privilege to welcome to our harts and homes and fellowship in the work, Mr. & Mrs. Atwater fresh from the homeland and Mr. & Mrs. Williams from T'ung Cho where they had spent the year previous most profitably in study. The coming of these dear friends has been a wonderful stimulus to those of us who hav been longer on the field, and we believe the mission is to be sincerely congratulated on the accession of these young people to its ranks.

During the fall and winter, 12 men hav been successfully treated for opium addiction. It has been our aim to treat in this way only those who ar somewhat interested in the Gospel. This condition wil be stil more adhered to in the future.

Erly in the year it seemed best to begin the practice of taking up collections on the Sabbath for benevolent purposes or other objects for wh. it is proper to spend money thus collected. After due consultation it was decided to make such a collection a part of the regular Sabbath worship. Accordingly, Mr. Liu carefully explained the matter to the worshippers and the custom was begun on the 20th of March and continued during the year with the exception of the summer vacation. The amt. contributed was 12'113 cash ($8.00 gold). Probably two thirds of this amt. was contributed by the Chinese and the rest by foreners. It was agreed to use this money to help provide lamps for the chapel. We consider this a hopeful beginning towards self-support, especially as there is no church formed here yet.

On the whole, the past year seems the most successful and hopeful in our history. We begin the new year with fresh hope and zeal, believing that in due time we shall reap if we faint not.

Respectfully submitted for the station, D. H. CLAPP.

FÊNCHO FU STATION REPORT.

Dr. Atwood has held regular Sunday services in the waiting room of the dispensary during the entire year. Attendance limited by size of the room. No extra effort was made to secure attendance as we had no room for more. An argument in favor of a new chapel at once.

Dr. Atwood has also visited several villages 20 to 30 li from the city, preaching, selling books, and distributing tracts.

A school has been opened in Fencho Fu Starting one year ago with six boys it has grown to 25 our present no. Several applicants hav been turned away, our rooms being ful. Three of the boys hav profest to be Xns and seem to be in ernest.

Since Sept. 1, preaching services hav been held in the s.room at Nan Shui Ching. The congregation is mostly the school boys and our servants, tho every Sabbath there ar a few outsiders.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. Thompson

At T'ai Ho Ch'iao services hav been held since Sept. conducted by Mr. Davis and Ts'ui Chiao Yu. These services hav been wel attended. During the winter Mrs. Davis has also had a class of five studying the "Peep of Day." The first ten chapters hav been studied. The villages within 12 li of the city hav been visited, at least once, during the year, tracts distributed and an effort made to cultivate the friendship of the people. The increased nos. in our school is largely due to this work.

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The no. of treatments in connection with the T'aiku dispensary has been less the past than during the previous year, on a/c of several interruptions in the work by sickness and absence and also probably on a/c of il-feeling towards foreners caused by lack of rain.

Erly in the year an epidemic of influenza attackt foreners and nativs alike. Most of the former wer made more or less miserable and great nos. of the latter suffered from the disease. There was a large percentage of deths in the city and surrounding villages.

One of the mission gate-keepers, Lao Fan, was taken with the disease wh. was soon complicated with pneumonia from wh. he died after nearly a month's ilness. He was one of the no. who had been received on probation and we believ that he had a sustaining faith in his Savior as he neared deth's river. For when askt if he was afraid to die he replied, "Why shd. one be afraid who believs in Jesus ?"He requested that his nephew be sent to the T'aiku school to lern the doctrin, so that he would believ in the one true God and not burn incense to his uncle after deth.

In the spring a little girl was brought to the hospital who was nearly blind. Her mother was ded and the nurse said the child's father had threatened to throw her away unless the foren doctor could restore her sight. Two operations wer made on the eys but no human skil could restore the sight. Whether the father carried out his cruel thret on his return home we do not know, but the enormity of such a sin was made plain to him.

Most of the dispensary patients came but once and the rest several times. One young man with disease of the eylids who came 25 or more times received markt benefit.

A small boy who had just cut off three fingers with a grass cutter was brought from a village about 5 miles distant. The fingers wer amputated at the contiguous joints and the boy made a good recovery with a useful hand.

In nearly every case that comes to the hospital some relativ of the patient is also required as cook and nurse. In the case just mentioned the whole family--three generations--came and all herd the gospel story a no. of times.

A young man who was afflicted with a fibroid tumor on the abdomen came for treatment. The growth was successfully removed. He is now in the employ of one of the missionary families. At his own request he is being taught to read.

One very sad case was that of a ten-month old baby with an immense abscess of the right thigh and pelvis. The abscess was opened and discharged about three pints of pus. The child was brought for after treatment several times and then lost sight of.

One man who was helped by a cataract operation in the spring came again in the fall for an operation on the other ey and so the sight of both eys was restored much to the delight of himself and friends.

On Sept. 1st our Liman gatekeeper while out on an errand was thrown from a donkey which caused a double fracture of the lower part of the left arm, the fracture of one bone being compound. Soon after the arm was drest there was a call to attend a neighbor's child who

was said to hav swallowed a chopstick. The case was not found to be as bad as represented. Following this came a call to a man in the city who was suffering from an acute inflammation of the knee occasioned by a cut from a sharp instrument. This trying day together with the labor of moving into the city during the next two days so used up the physician in charge that he was laid up with remittent fever for more than a month. Dr. Atwood was prompt in coming to my assistance. The Lord certainly blest the means used and the faithful nursing to my recovery.

A woman who was in the hospital during the fall to hav a cataract treated (altho the operation was not successful) seemed to hav her spiritual eys opened. She was very quick to lern and eager to understand the doctrin.

During the year a donation of 5000 picture cards was received from a gentleman and lady in Winchester, N.H. On these cards hav been written scrip. texts and then they ar sold for 3 cash apiece, the proceeds being turned into the dispensary fund.

The no. of clinics per week has been increased by one, so that now women ar seen on one day and men during two days of the week. One of the school boys has been taken on as an assistant and promises wel.

The medical work opened up at Jen Ts'un last year has been carried on there thru this year with more or less regularity. The attendance is generally good. A kindly feeling towards the foreners is being created and some interest is reported in the doctrin.

Thanks ar due to various members of the station for assistance during the year in the work.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES GOLDSBURY, M.D.

Cases at T'aiku, 1242, Liman, 150, Jen Ts'un, 135; Total, 1526
Total new cases, 828; do. old cases, 698. Grand total, 1526.
Men, 62, Women, 166. (It is not clear what these nos refer to.--Sec.)
General summary of new cases for '92 : Gen. diseases, 137; dis. of the nervous system, 22; of the ey, 142; of the ear, 6; of the circulation, 3; Digestiv system, 138; Genito-Urinary System, 20; Respiratory system 112; of women, 5; the skin, 149; tumors, 8; Surgical diseases, 41; Miscel 45; total new cases, 828.

Surgical operations: abscess and boils lanced, 21; amputation fingers, 4; aspirated knee joint, 3; catract, 3; catheterized, 3; circumcision, 1; cut down on needle, 1; extracted bullet, 1; lanced felon, 1; hydrocele tapt, 1; irridectomy, 3; fistula in ano, 1; lacrymal canal opened, 1; necrosis hed of ulna, 1; paracentisis abdomen, 2; removed date stones, 2; teeth extracted, 14; Tumors dermoid, 1; do. fibroid, 1; do. sebaceous, 3. Total, 68. Fitted one truss; cases in hospital, 13; visits, 12; do. to opium suicides, 2; deth, 1 (Lao Fan).

Cash received from various sources, 4069.

REPORT OF FENCHO FU MEDICAL WORK.

The work in the dispensary has been kept up thruout the year. There hav been two clinics a week besides the few who ar seen after services on Sundays. The no. of dispensary patients has been less than last year by about one-third; thus being about 600 treatments. No. of in-patients, 30; of opium patients, 30; of surgical operations, 37, as follows: Ampu-

tation of two fingers,1; cataract, 6; entropion,4; gunshot wounds, 2o; ptyrigium,2; phymosis,3;sublepharon,1. Some of the surgical cases seem worthy of a passing notice. On the occasion of the first rain in July two villages took up arms against each on a/c of a quarrel over an irrigating stream. There wer about 1oo combatants on each side.None wer kild;but the next clinic found 2o applicants for dressing and probing. The cast-iron shot caused some nasty wounds and the shot wer difficult to discover.

One man, a Catholic, had senile gangrene of the foot. His neighbors said it resulted from destroying his idols. He left the hospital in about three months able to walk about and do his work; but came back in a month with eczema of the foot. This was cured in a few weeks and he came back again with anthrax of the back. These afflictions no doubt would hav deepened the conviction in the minds of his friends that the gods wer angry with him but his prompt recovery from them all must hav been a source of some perplexity to them.

At one time we had about 6 cases of cellulitis. ("It never rains but it pours.") One of these was a man about 4o years old. He had been treated by Budhist priests who had succeeded in preventing any of the pus from escaping by means of sticking plasters until the whole skin of the thigh covering both internal and external aspects was one immense pus-pocket. Free use of drainage tubing and incisions and corrosiv sublimate solutions put the man on his feet once more. With Chinese treatment the various families of microbes ar doubtless wel pleased and in many cases they might boast as the Chinaman does, "I hav livd here for 2o generations."

One case of conjunctivitis presented to the foren dr.as a last resortwas that of a man who had had 3oo needles run into his body at various points, most often into the temples and inner canthi of the eys.

Another case of phymosis presented who had sufferd for 6 years and at the time was constantly suffering terrible agony. An operation was advised but the man was afraid and returned to consult his friends They told him that the foren dr. would cut him to pieces and he would die at once; but if he remaind at home he might liv for some time. He followed their advice for some time until his sufferings became unendurable and he said he would rather be kild than suffer longer. He came and submitted to the operation and in a few days was as wel as any one. His surprise and gratitude was very markt.

The distinguishing feature of our med. work this year has been the following up of such cases to their homes and striving to deepen in their harts the interest they hav taken in Xn teaching while in the hospital. This work has been but just begun and alredy we hav had encouraging marks of God's blessing upon it. The dispensary servs as a means of advertizment for the Gospel but to form the personal acquaintance and gain the friendships of the Chinese the longer stay with us in the hospital seems necessary.

We believ in this form of work as a means of opening new work and giving a fair and cordial hearing to the Gospel in China; and we recommend that the Bd. be askt to help us to the utmost of their ability in this pioneer work. We need greater hospital facilities at T'aiku and at Fencho Fu. The mission has alredy taken action asking that a missionary fysician be appointed for F.C.Fu in order that the missionary

now in charge of the medical work there may be released to do touring and to follow up and look after the spiritual interests of the patients.

The work both at T'aiku and at F.C.Fu seems to be steadily growing. The helth of the missionary staf in both places has, on the whole, been remarkably good. There was one exception. In May last the Great Reaper gleaned Donnie Price into his garner. We all felt stricken by this sad event. Our warmest sympathies went out to the afflicted parents and we ar thankful to say that they found ample support in their sorrow at the throne of divine grace.

For mercies of the past and for the bright outlook for the future we thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted, I.J. ATWOOD, Compiler of Med. Report.

REPORT OF T'AIKU SCHOOL FOR TERM BEGINNING MCH.1st '92 AND ENDING FEB. 4th, 1893.

This report naturally covers a slightly different period from that of the regular mission year, the reason being that we hav found it necessary to arrange our school year with reference to the Chinese year rather than our fiscal year. In this way a smal surplus expense runs over each year to the next; but as the school began at first just after the Ch. N. Year the discrepency came in the first year and afterwards the amts. put over each year to the next wer about the same for the same length of time, so that really there is no difference.

The length of the school year has varied slightly but it is usually about 9 months. Last year the school was in session nearly 10 months owing to the intercalary month. On this a/c the running expenses hav aggregated more than usual. The price of provisions being so much higer last year than heretofore has also increased the expense. Hence the expenditures for the year hav for the first time exceeded the appropriations. The total amount expended was about $386.35. Of this sum $90.66 was pd. by pupils and those who wer boardred by the school and the balance by the mission; so that really the cost to the Bd. has been only $295.69, wh. is $4.31 less than the appropriation (300$.

The largest enrolment has been 24, and the average attendance 19, making the aver. cost per pupil to the Bd. $15.56. This of course, does not include rent and repairs.

As heretofore the work has been done mainly by Mrs. Clapp & Mr. Liu tho Miss Bird has assisted during most of the year and has proven herself a very efficient teacher.

The course of study followed is that of the T'ung Cho High School and most of the pupils hav done wel. The foren studies hav been arithmetic, (mental and written) Geografy and reading, the Three Character Classic, Catechism, Impor. Words of Scrip., the Gos. of Jno. & Mk., and the Epistle to the Romans.

The three most advanced pupils hav had a vigorous course in advanced mental arith, higher geografy, and the book of Romans. It wil be seen from this that much stress is laid on the lerning and exposition of Scrip. We believ that no better foundation for an education can be laid than by acquiring a careful and accurate knowledge of the Bible. There hav been good progress in the nativ books and one or two boys hav about finisht the prescribed course in that department. Mr. Liu has continued to giv good satisfaction as teacher and not the least valu-

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Rec'd Jan 24-1893

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The special attention of the Pru. Com. is respectfully called to the following resolutions:

1. Resolved : That we urge on the Am. Bd. the importance of immediately appointing a physician for T'aiku, and two new families to enable us to follow up a distinctively providential opening at Ch'ing Yuan; and that we renew and emphasize our appeal for a young lady for T'aiku, and two young ladies and a physician for Fencho Fu.

2. Resolved : That the mission unanimously ask the Pru. Com. to appropriate funds to buy property and build houses outside of T'aiku city at any place wh. a majority of the mission shall decide upon, and that they appropriate sums for that purpose as follows :

To purchase land and wall it in,	$1000
To build hospital, dispensary & wait. rooms,	1500
To provide house for physician & family,	3000
To provide house for one other family	3000
To provide grounds & rooms for school & teachers,	2,500=11,000.

3. Resolved : That in view of their 9 years of faithful and persevering work we now heartily join with Rev. D. H. & Mrs. Clapp in asking the Pru.Com. to grant them a furlo in the Spring of '94, so that they may seek much-needed recuperation by a visit to the homeland.

4. Resolved : That Paul Atwood be allowed to return to the U.S. in the spring of '94, in company with Mr. & Mrs. Clapp.

5. Resolved : That we deplore the withdrawal of our esteemed sister, Mrs. Goldsbury, from the work of the mission, rendered desirable by the sudden calamity wh. has come upon her; and we trust that when the great bitterness of this affliction shall have passed away, the way may be opened for her to return to China to resume labor in this field where the harvest is literally great and the laborers are literally few, and where she is eminently qualified to do a good and lasting work for the Master; and that we wil gladly welcome Mrs. Goldsbury back at any time to help in carrying forward the blessed work to wh. she and her departed husband had consecrated their lives.

6. Resolved : That we request the Pru.Com. to amend Reg.5 (Man.of '91) by omitting "unmarried" before the word "women" and substituting "vote" for "voice", thus making the regulation read as follows : In the consideration of questions touching their own work, the women of a station and a mission are to have an equal vote with the men.

7. Resolved : That we recommend the Pru.Com. to adopt a rule restricting the right to vote in the case of members who have been on the ground less than one full year to the election of officers and the location of members.

Yours Respectfully
Delta A. Thompson
Sec. of Mission.

Treasurer's Report - 1892.

Rec'd June 24 - 1893

REPORT OF FÊNCHO FU SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31st, 1892.

Average attendance, 11.5 ; lowest no., 6; highest no., 17.

Expense : Provisions, $109.68 ; Books,utensils & repairs, $35.20
Teacher, $20.00 ; cook, $25.00 Total $190.38.

Receipts for board, $51.08. Net expense, $139.30.

The session coverd 200 days

Three and one-half hours each day ar given to studies in foren books, under direction of the missionary.

Two and one-half hours per day ar given to distinctivly Christian studies.

The books studied ar : Catechism, Three Char.Classic,Peep of Day, Beginners Arithmetic. All hav red and memorized the Cat. and most of T.C.Classic. Five hav red and seem to understand the Peep of Day."Nearly all ar now studying mulplication in arithmetic.

The attendance has not been irregular as would appear from the report. We opend with six, the nos.stedily increasing til the end of the year when we closed with 17, our highest no.

Respectfully submitted, C.W.PRICE.

REPORT OF COM.ON EXAMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 1892.

Your Com.beg to submit the following report of examinations of five of our no.during the last year,as to their progress in the study of the language. The ground coverd was not the same in all cases. As you all know the practice of examining new members has only just begun and the system is not yet fully developed; so it has been impossible to secure uniformity thus far. The course followed has been that of the N.C.Mission,and the work done by most of the candidates was on the first and 2d year. Misses Bird & Hewett wer examind on the last half of the first ful year and the first of the 2d, Mr.& Mrs.Davison the first 18 months of the course,tho not the hole of it,and Mr.Williams on nearly or quite all the work of the first year and a half.Mr.Morgan Who examind Mr.&Mrs.Davis & Misses Bird & Hewett was able to say in his report to the Com : "It is with great satisfaction that I report progress in the case of all without exception."

The following is the average standing of three of the candidates: Miss Bird .92;Miss Hewett .93; Mr.Williams .79 (scale of 100). Unfortunately the paper containing the marks for the others is not at hand, so the exact figures cannot be given; but one of the Com.saw them and remembers them to hav been high,fully up to these other averages.

Mr.Williams was examind by Dr.Sheffield before coming to Shansi, on the 1st 18 months work and after about 10 months of study. It is probable that the two examiners varied considerably in their standards of marking and this would account for the differences in the averages. We know that Mr.W.has done good work and that he was highly commended by his examiner for the thuroness of the work done.

Altogether the Com.ar wel pleased with the success with wh. the candidates sustaind the examination and ernestly recommend that they persevere in this good way to the end.

Respectfully Submitted, D.H.CLAPP,
J.B.THOMPSON,
Committee.

Ditta H. Thompson, Sec. of Mission.

Report of Mission for 1892
Rec'd July 3, 1893.

Medical Report
for
Fen Cho Fu Station
1893

This report covers the ground of only nine months of the year since by vote of the mission the mission year closes on Dec. 31st instead of at annual meeting time as last year.

During this period of nine months the health of most of the members of the station has been good and for this we are grateful to God. Only one case of alarming illness occurred in our midst. i.e. the case of Mr. Davis who was afflicted with a severe form of la grippe with great nervous prostration. For his recovery to present health we are profoundly grateful to God.

During the months of Aug. and Sep. Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Tai Ku were with us as guests and on Aug. 23rd their little daughter Gladys was born to them. One visit was made to Tai Ku to attend a case of sickness there and several members

of the C.I.M. have received treatment.

The medical work among the Chinese during this period has been encouraging in many respects. Although the time reported on is one fourth less than that covered by last year's report, the number of patients and treatments is more than twice as great. That the benefits of foreign medicine are beginning to be better known and appreciated is shown by the fact that the contributions to the dispensary which were entirely free-will offerings were more than twice as great as during last year. The whole Ant. contributed this year including $10. from Dr. Williams and $10. from the Cong'l S. School of Lombard Ill. was $70.11

It has been painfully evident for some time that the work is being seriously hindered for lack of accommodation for in-patients. This is the most valuable department of our work and at present it is seriously cramped for quarters. The problem of how to carry on an opium refuge for both men and women in addition to the regular hospital work for men and women with only one court is

one incapable of a satisfactory solution. We need at least another court for women. It would be better to have separate courts for the opium patients; but to carry on the present work with any satisfaction a woman's court is very much needed. The number of women who come to us for treatment has exceeded by far our expectation for years to come. It was found necessary during the fall months when the number of women exceeded that of the men to give up the one court almost wholly to them and to exclude the men for a time until the fall harvest was over.

We have hospital accommodation for 40 patients. The problem of putting 70 patients into quarters intended for 40 was grappled with during the physician's absence by the Assistant and settled in Chinese fashion by packing as many as 20 patients into the largest rooms. Those who could not find room on the kangs slept on boards or benches. This method is not satisfactory even from a Chinese standpoint.

Another need more imperative still is a larger room for worship. The waiting-room is too small for all the patients

to assemble in who are able to attend morning prayers and worship on Sunday. Moreover the room is needed to be divided into two rooms one for an operating-room and the other for waiting room as originally intended.

The evangelistic part of the work which is the sole object of the medical work has been carried on faithfully during the year. Preaching services have been held regularly during the year without a single exception and at daily morning prayers at which all who are able are required to attend a short portion of Scripture has been expounded and a practical application of the truth brought home to all present. Personal conversations have been carried on also with some of the patients as fit opportunity presented. There is urgent need of a young lady to work among the women and one would find abundant opportunity among the women patients — both opium and other patients — to speak the truth to willing listeners. Such opportunities are rare outside of the hospital walls.

A few tours have been made to distant places to follow up hopeful cases to their

homes and a cordial welcome in every case was the result. It is our firm conviction that along these lines is there the greatest hope for winning the hearts of the people for Christ. It is sincerely hoped that ere long the promised physician to take charge of the hospital may be on the ground to relieve Dr. Atwood for the work of this touring.

Statistics (for 9 Mos.)

No. of treatments (dispensary)	1.300
" " opium patients	103
" " other in "	40
Whole No. of patients	1.443
No. of surgical operations	30

Medical Report
for
Fen Cho Fu Station
Filed June 12, 1894

ANNUAL REPORT OF T'AIKU STATION FOR THE YEAR 1893.

The year opened quite hopefully by the baptism on Feb. 5th of 13 persons, seven of whom wer adults including one woman, five school pupils and one child five years old. At the same time 9 persons, including five school boys wer taken on probation. Six of these, three boys and three men subsequently received baptism. One of those first baptized was soon proved to be untrue and suspended and by the close of the year two more wer shown to be unsatisfactory and hav since been excluded.

But alas for humsn hopes and expectations! For the first time in the history of the mission we wer called to mourn the removal by deth of an adult member, a dearly beloved associate and brother. Dr. Jas. Goldsbury died of tyfus fever on Mar. 23d and was buried, after appropriate services in T'aiku and T'ai Yuan Fu, in the foreign cemetery on the hil overlooking the latter city. A memorial service was held in his honor at the an.meeting of the mission in T'aiku a few weeks after his deth and appropriate notices and resolutions of sympathy and condolence to the family and friends of the deceased in America, and to the mission rooms in Bostonwer passed. A short memorial paper, prepared by Mr. Thompson, was published in the 'Chinese Recorder.'

Not only our own station but the whole mission hav deeply felt the loss of this dear brother from their association and work. As the year has passed there has been a deepening sense of Dr. Goldsbury's worthy and upright character and his usefulness as a missionary, and we could scarcely be reconciled but that we all believe that 'God makes no mistakes.' The Dr.'s deth made it necessary for Mrs. Goldsbury to return to America, for a time at least, and accordingly she left us on Ap. 24, escorted to Pao Ting Fu by Mr. Williams. She reached America in July and is now residing with her friends near Boston, Mass. On Nov. 2d another son was born and at last reports all wer wel and happy. Mrs Goldsbury stil expects to return to her field of labor here some time in the future, tho it is not yet decided when.

The attendance of outsiders on the regular service on Sabbath was meager during the year but since the opening of the fall term of school it has greatly improved, often filling the chapel. Quite a no. of these hav been regular attendants for some time and seem to be favorably impressed with the truth. Probably a large part of this interest is due to Mr. Liu's vigorous and ernest but simple presentation of Gospel truth. He had charge of the street chapel in the fall and erly winter and almost invariably had a room ful as long as he staid. After the middle of Dec. we had to drop that work because the room was too cold to sit or speak in without danger to helth.

During the erly part of the year our helper, Mr. Wang, visited nearly all the villages within a radius of five miles of T'aiku, preaching and selling books and distributing tracts as he had opportunity. He continued this work up to July 1st with the exception of a month or two when he was sick. As it was felt not to be profitable to hire a man at the price we wer paying him simply to do this work and preach occasionally on Sabbath, he was dismissed from our service and returned to Pao Ting Fu. During the fall Mr. Clapp revisited a no. of these same villages and had many very interesting talks with the villagers.

It is a matter of deep regret that so little of this sort of work has been possible to the missionary in charge of the station but other duties crowded it out. Hence this most interesting part of our work was left undone. Either Mr. Williams or Mr. Atwater has attended the writer on several of these visits and assisted in selling books and talking as they wer able.

Thru the efforts of Mr. Wang one family in a village nearly two miles ~~of~~ W. of the city has become interested in the truth and destroyed their idols. There ar only two in the family at home an old man and his wife each nearly 70 years of age. They ar ignorant and stupid but seem to be genuin inquirers. The old gentleman walks into service nearly every Sabbath and Miss Bird has made regular weekly visits to his house thruout the year except when she has been absent from the city. Sometimes she has had a room ful, but only two women hav received regular instruction, the rest coming a few times out of curiosity. Generally one of the older school boys has accompanied Miss Bird on these visits and assisted in teaching the women and children. Latterly the oldest of the schoolboys has regularly taught the boys in the court while Miss Bird taught the women in the house. When the weather became too cold for the boys to stand out in the court they wer kindly invited by a shopkeeper to go into his shop and continue their work, wh. they did, much to the satisfaction of all. Thus we hav apparently gotten a foothold in that place, wh. we hope with faithful care wil develop into a good work.

The work in Ch'e Wang has gone on regularly with a fair attendanceupon the Sunday services during most of the year. Regular preaching has been kept up at the school house, Mr. Clapp and Mr. Liu alternating in conducting it every Sabbath, holding a service, ~~for~~ except during the summer vacation when Mr. Liu assumed the whole responsibility. Mrs. Clapp also made semi-monthly visits to the village, holding a service for the women in Mr. Liu's house. Six women wer in regular attendance and often the room was ful. Those coming regularly ar lerning to read tho it is hard for them to stick to it. On the whole the work there is quite encouraging notwithstanding the school teacher has proved very unsatisfactory.

One remarkable conversion has occurred in connection with our work at Ch'e Wang. This man, Mr. Wang Chung, the foreman of one of the largest general stores in the place, became deeply interested in the truth thru the ernest efforts of Mr. Liu and at last decided to become a Christian. After a severe struggle and deep conviction of sin he gave himself to wholly to God saying, 'I wil serve Him if I die,' and immediately he was blessed with a consciousness of sins forgiven and acceptance thru Christ. In consequence of this he was dismissed from his employment and went home where he was called a 'crazy fool' for following the foreigners' religion. He persisted, however, in reading the N.Testament and in prayer and in urging others to repent and turn to God. In the last of August Messrs. Liu and Clapp went to visit him in his home but wer not allowed to enter the house. He afterwards visited T'aiku and applied for baptism but as he is a polygamist we hav not yet admitted him to the probationers' class. What the final outcome wil be is not yet clear.

There ar now four baptized persons in good standing at Ch'e Wang besides one child. There ar three or four more on probation and the outlook is very hopeful.

There has been a regularly organized S. School held at T'aiku thruout the year, except during two or three months in the summer when the missionaries wer all absent from the city. In the first half of the year Messrs Clapp and Liu took charge alternately, the lessons being taken from the O.Tes. Mr. Williams took charge in the fall and the sessions wer held in the school room, while the chapel was thrown open for the general public for preaching, the work being conducted by Messrs. Liu and Clapp, alternately. Mr. Atwater also rendered good service in helping to prepare the S.S. lessons.

We hav more women in attendance upon our chapel service this year than formerly. Two or three families in the city who hav been to F.C.E. for medical treatment hav been frequent tho not regular attendants.

Miss Bird has faithfully taught the women who came, usually going over the subject of the morning sermon immediately after the close of the service and in the afternoon teaching those on the place and any who would stay from some subject of her own selection. Several times there hav been women from Ch'e Wang staying with us a few weeks at a time, and these hav been faithfully taughtby some of the ladies of the station.

It is a matter for regret that there has been so little touring done outside the immediate vicinity of T'aiku. Mr. Clapp planned for an extended tour in the hils S. & E. of our field but was deterred from executing this plan by sickness in the mission and afterwards, when the work in the opium refuge began, he was kept at home by that work.

During the spring and erly summer Mr. Liu made several visits to Ch'ing Yuan to assist and encourage the teacher Mr. Tu in the work there. Mr. Williams also made five trips there for the same purpose, Mr. Atwater accompanying him once.

About the middle of June the newer members of the station wer examined in their knowledge of Chinese by Rev. Mr. Farthing of the Eng. Bap. Mission, T'ai Yuan Fu. The examiner spoke highly of the work done. All the candidates did themselves and the mission credit.

The summer was spent by Mr. Atwater and family and Miss Bird at Liman Chuang, Mr. and Mrs. Clapp at Jen Ts'un, and Mr. and Mrs. Williams in and around Fencho Fu.

The rent on the place formerly occupied by the mission in Liman having expired and it not seeming advisable at the time to rerent at the old price, another place was secured at an annual rental of $15 ~~per year~~, and after a few taels had been expended on repairs making it more cleanly and comfortable the friends there spent a happy and profitable summer, returning to the city erly in Sept. much benefitted by their stay in the country.

After careful consideration by the members of the station, it was decided best owing to the crowded quarters of the mission compound and in view of Miss Partridge's coming that Mr. Atwater should move his family to the place formerly occupied by Dr. Goldsbury. Accordingly some $60 was expended on repairs making the place more helthful and commodious and they took possession the last of Sept. and hav spent a

comfortable, helthy and pleasant winter there.

The station had hoped to organize the first ch. of T'aiku erly in the year but for reasons wh. seemed sufficient to those in charge of the work it seemed best to postpone that event for a time. The wisdom of this course is seen in the fact that at least three of whose sincerity there was some doubt when they wer baptized but against whom there was no positiv evidence, hav been shown to be deceivers and hence excluded from recognition as Xns in regular standing, two of them on their own confession of immoral conduct and the other so openly false as to leave no doubt as to his unworthy conduct and character. The others hav most of them shown growth in Xn character.

As during last year a weekly contribution was taken up every Sabbath morning in the T'aiku chapel, except during the summer while we wer all absent from the city, the foreigners and all contributing. In this way over 13,000 cash was collected. This has been used to supply oil for the chapel lamps and has more than paid for what was used. Besides this the Xn servants on the compound hav taken care of the chapel during the last half of the year, so the mission has expended nothing for that purpose, thus effecting a saving of some 7000 or 8000 cash on the score of chapel-keeping. The entire expense to the mission for both street and domestic chapel for the last six months of the year was 11337 cash and 2000 of this was paid back by opium refuge receipts, thus leaving but $5.35 to be charged to the mission; while for the first half of the year $17 was charged for nearly the same items, tho more fuel was bought in forepart of the year than in the latter half.

Two new arrivals hav blessed us during the year. First came little Gladys to brighten the home and gladden the harts of Mr. & Mrs. Williams born in F.C. Fu Aug. 23d, and judging from the attention she receives from one and all she is one of the most important as she is certainly one of the most enjoyable personages in the station. The other arrival is that of Miss Mary L. Partridge who joined us last October. Miss Partridge was met at Pao Ting Fu by Miss Bird who safely escorted her to T'aiku. It is needless to say that this makes a most happy addition to the working force at the station. We entertain high hopes for Miss Partridge as a useful missionary of the cross.

During the year about 20 men hav been successfully treated in the Opium Refuge besides two who entered but did not hav the pluck to go thru the treatment. This work has been nearly self-supporting, the fees of the patients paying the wages of the man who looked after them and a part of the fuel used, the patients finding light and water for themselves. The medicines wer of course furnished free. Four of those treated this year and one of those treated the latter part of last year hav recorded their names as inquirers. Two of the patients wer from the local magistrate's office.

Thus the year has closed with its joys and its sorrows, but leaving us hopeful. There ar in all 15 Christians in good standing and 12 probationers. We thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted, for the station.

D.H.CLAPP.

REPORT OF FENCHO FU STATION FOR THE YEAR 1893.

Work with the Chinese wil always be attended with many discouragements. Not only because of the few who believe the truth, but more especially because many of those who profess faith in Christ hav not truly forsaken their sins. It is a great step from hethenism to the light of Christ's Gospel, and they ar few, if indeed there be any, who can at once come into the light freed from the power of sin. We need to be very charitable in our judgment of these people, always remembering from what they hav come and not expect entire purity of life with the very weak faith of those who hav professed Christ.

It is with this always in mind that we present our report for the past year, feeling that God has remembered us in mercy and blessed us more richly than we had dared to hope or expect.

Dr. Atwood, in addition to and in connection with his medical work, has been "doing the work of an evangelist." Morning worship has been held daily with the patients, the Scripture lesson being explained at length. This is a very important part of the work. Many in this way come to understand something of the Gospel who otherwise would never hear it. A short exposition of some passage of Scripture is more likely to hold the attention of the hearers than a more elaborately prepared discourse, especially with those who come in contact with us for only a short time.

Regular Sunday services hav been held in the waiting room of the dispensary, the audience being limited to the capacity of the room. With a large room there would without doubt be double the present no. The impressions of the Gospel received at these services tho not in most cases taking hold of the hart and life of the man yet wil surely hav an effect on his thoughts in the future. But many hav expressed an interest in the truth and tho not redy at once to break off from their hethen beliefs and practices yet the leven of truth is at work in their harts. When it wil change their lives is in the mind of God alone.

Dr. Atwood has also made several visits to other cities of the plain, preaching in connection with his medical work. At Ch'ing Yuan especially there appears to be an ernest desire to lern the truth. It was with considerable hesitation that Mr. Tu was allowed to open a day school for boys in this city. This is carried on with very little expense, the only outlay being Mr. Tu's wages and room rent for the school. With this smal outlay from 14 to 20 boys hav been under constant religious instruction during the year. This work is not yet beyond the experimental stage, yet up to the present it has been successful. It presents to us a line of work we would do wel to follow up if possible. One family ~~and~~ of five persons hav destroyed their idols and asked to be admitted to the church, wh. with the two Dr. Atwood received a few months ago givs seven probationers in that city. If some member of the mission could visit this place at short intervals of time and follow up what has alredy been done more closely, there is every reason to believe it would prove an interesting and valuable work. But with our limited nos. and each station having all on hand that can be attended to, it is impossible to do more than make occasional visits, hoping the good seed alredy sown with the little help thus rendered may bring glory to the kingdom of God.

Mr. Davis has held regular Sunday services in the chapel at T'ai Ho Ch'iao, assisted by Mr. Ts'ui. These services hav been kept up during the year except during the hottest months of summer when Mr. Davis was out of the city. This work has been evangelistic almost entirely without the help coming from medical or school work, yet there has been an average attendance for the year of 3o. Mrs. Davis has held after-meetings every Sunday with the women and children. It is encouraging to know that several of these women hav been regular in attendance and show considerable interest in the truth.

In addition to this the street chapel has been opened daily for the greater part of the year. Altho the attendance has not been large yet it has been a means of reaching many who otherwise would not hav herd the truth. One man has applied for baptism as a result of Mr. Ts'ui's work in this line.

During June, July & August meetings wer held every Sunday morning at Chung Hsing Yung where Mr. & Mrs. Davis spent the summer, with an average attendance, including children, of 55. Mrs. Davis held after-meetings with the women and children and several week-evening meetings wer held.

Sunday afternoon meetings wer held at Wang T'a, a village near the summer residence, with an average attendance of 2o. There was considerable interest shown at this place and a sta.class of three young men and one boy was organized. They wer ernest in studying the Gospels and seem truly impressed with the truth. These three ar now counted as probationers. One of our Christians, Mr. T'ien, has been living at Wang T'a since June 1st. It was a doubtful experiment putting a man of his limited ability and experience in such work but the result appears to be satisfactory. The interest has stedily increased. Besides the work he has done teaching the children and young men he has been diligent in urging the people to come out to Sunday service. Regular services hav been held there with an average attendance of more than 3o.

Mrs. Davis opened a girls' school Oct. 1st. This promises to be an interesting part of our work at F.C.Fu.

Considerable work has been done with the women patients in the hospital.

At Nan Shui Ching preaching services hav been held every Sunday the greater part of the year. The attendance has been limited to the school boys and servants with an occasional few from neighboring families. Sunday evenings we hav usually held a song service. Weekly prayer-meetings hav been held with increasing interest. Twelve of the boys hav asked to be taken on probation. A few of the surrounding villages hav been visited but this work has not been followed up as closely as we could wish, as Mr. Price's time is fully taken up with teaching. We believe in educational work and consider it to be destined to take the leading part in the evangelization of China. But with the increasing no. of cities and villages open to preaching, we feel we ought to take a more activ part in that work. We recommend that the Pru. Com. be ernestly requested to send two young women to take up this school work in F.C.Fu.

This is a brief survey of the lines wh. the work in F.C.Fu has followed. But the important question is not what we hav done for the kingdom of Christ, but what has God done for us? The little we ar able

to do is as nothing. The blessing God in His mercy sees fit to bestow on us and on the labor of our hands is what we ernestly wait for.

We ar glad to be able to report that God has seen fit to giv us evidence of His approbation. And altho the result is not such as we wish to see, those who profess faith in Christ ar so few among the man people around us, yet we ar greatly encouraged by the blessing received. During the year we hav received 23 on probation, five of whom wil be examined for baptism within a month. There ar several others who hav applied for admission who, we think, do not fully understand the importance of the step they wish to take. There ar also 10 inquirers

So we look back on the past year and thank our hevenly Father that we hav this evidence of His presence. We ar glad we ar working in Shan si. We rejoice to see these people seeking Christ. We believe God wil own them as His children. Even with their weak faith and more or less unsatisfactory Xn life. We pray that God may strengthen them and giv us patience and love for His work that we can bear with their weaknesses. They wil need not only our most ernest prayers but our tender sympathy and loving care. If we ernestly seek the guidance of our hevenly Father and do all we can to strengthen and help them we believe many of these wil attain to a strong Xn character.

As to the future we know not what is in store for us. But with the interest being shown at different places near us and the willingness with wh. many of the people hear the truth, we ar encouraged to believe God wil greatly bless the work of the mission in the near future. Let us more ernestly labor for that end.

Respectfully submitted for the station.

C.W.PRICE.

REPORT OF JEN TS'UN STATION FOR 1893.

The regular Sunday services wer held at this sta. thruout the year except a few Sundays when the resident missionary was absent from home Sometimes the attendance was quite large, but usually it consisted of a few regular attendants and a smal no. of outsiders. Ten catechumens wer taken on.

Owing to the unfaithfulness of the teacher employed it was deemed advisable to close the day school at this sta. We hav not yet succeeded in finding a suitable man to take his place. We ar in great need of a worthy nativ to act as school teacher and to assist the missionary in other ways.

During the year the missionary in charge made 100 visits to the surrounding villages, chiefly to the large towns of Fan Ts'un, Pei T'ien, and Tung Yang; besides 13 pastoral visits to Yen Ts'un. It is believed that a great deal of Gospel truth has been sown at these plac wh. wil ultimately bear fruit to the glory of God. The only result yet apparent is, a greater friendliness on the part of the inhabitants of those places while a very few ar here and there manifesting an interest in the truth. It is a day of smal things in the line of results that can be tabulated.

In some of these evangelizing tours ~~the missionary~~ Mr. Kempson was accompanie by his wife who made altogether 34 visits to the villages in hope of being able to impart to nativ women some knowledge of the better life.

Five visits wer made to Ch'ing Yuan in behalf of Dr. Atwood and

also in order to enable Mrs.T. to teach a few women there who profess an interest in the Gospel.

Several hundred Xn books wer sold in '93 and between seven and eight hundred Xn calendars with a total of more than 14000 cash received. Besides these many hundreds of leaflets wer distributed.

Rev.L.H. & Mrs. Clapp spent the summer here thus both finding and imparting fysical and spiritual refreshment.

Respectfully submitted. J.B.THOMPSON.

SCHOOL REPORT OF T'AIKU STA. FOR 1893.

Thruout the year the school has been under the general supervision of Mr. & Mrs. Clapp assisted by Miss Bird. The school year has been divided into two terms the first beginning in Mar. and closing in June and the second beginning the last of Aug. and closing the last of Jan. 1894, making nearly nine months of school work.

The teachers wer, Mrs. Clapp,Miss Bird and Mr. Liu, but no one of these gave the whole time to teaching; Miss Bird being much engaged in her studies, Mrs. Clapp usually spending about three hours per day in the school room, and Mr. Liu being engaged partly as a nativ helper, partly as private teacher and partly as school teacher. During the last term, however, Mr. Clapp taught a class in Biology, wh. has occupied about an hour a day.

As in former years there hav been many applicants for admission to the school wh. we hav felt obliged to refuse for want of accommodations and proper teaching force; wh. emfazes the need of larger quarters for the school as well as more teachers both nativ and foreign.

Mr. Liu has continued to hav charge of the work done in the nativ books and writing Chinese characters, and he has conducted this work with his usual vigor and success.

After careful consideration on the part of those in charge of the school, it was decided to try the experiment of allowing two or three of the older pupils who had been most faithful in their studies to assist in teaching the younger boys in the Chinese classics,so as to giv Mr. Liu time to preach in the st.chapel as he so much desired. Accordingly he was directed to assign a part of his work to the three oldest and best pupils, wh. he did during the last half of the year,himself hearing the older pupils recite every day and the whole school reciting in review to him once a week. So far h as is known no serious difficulty has attended this arrangement. While the boys wer given their food for this service yet it was little extra expence to the mission, since a smal contribution from a S.S.in Watertown,S.D.,amounting to $12.oo a year furnished enuf to carry them nearly thru the year. Besides this there was $2. from the Infant Class in the same S.S.wh.was specially designated for the 'youngest poor boy of promise in the T. school.' This was given this year to Liu Ying Chang as being the most hopeful pupil who needed the help.

Another reason for trying the boy-teacher experiment was found in the fact that we wer in danger of losing hold of several of the most promising boys whom we need as teachers and assistants in years to come but who ar old enuf to begin to support themselves. We hope by this plan to keep them in school a few years more and thus giv them a chance

to develop their Xn character. If these boys once get into business they wil be forever lost to the mission as far as direct help is concerned; so if by giving them their food for a few years we can keep them with us it seems the part of wisdom to do soOf course we would not hire them to stay except as they work for the mission to pay for their board and nothing would be given them to induce them to stay if they wanted to leave.

Another experiment tried was the dismission of one of the hired men connected with the school and requiring the pupils to do his part of the work. The result is not wholly satisfactory, in that the boys wer not so careful as a man would be and wasted fuel in attending to fires and they wer not able to keep themselves neat and clean as is desirable. It was intended to be another lesson in self help.It is probable, however, that the experiment wil be discontinued.

The branches taught by the foreign teachers this year hav been : Arithmetic, both mental and advanced, Geografy,primary and higher,Biology, and Singing. Also the Scriptures, the Catechism, and the Xn Three Character Classic. As heretofore the main work has been to teach Xn truth and tho the other work has not been slighted everyeffort was made to impress the pupils with the paramount importance of being pure in hart and obedient to God's law of love.

The total no. of pupils enrolled was 34 the greatest no. at any one time being 28. The average attendance thruout the year was nearly 24.

The running expenses of the school for the year was $347.5o and the amount paid by the Chinese was $73.47, making the total cost to the mission $26o.o3 besides the $14. contributed by the S.S. as stated above, or about $11.66 per pupil, making the total of the expense paid by the Chinese a little over 21 per cent. This is somewhat less than that of last year but the difference is owing to the contribution mentioned above and largely the rate of exchange. But of course these figures do not include rents,etc. Stil we believe this is the most hopeful and valuable part of the work of this station. It is to this work we look for teachers, preachers, and other assistants of the future.

The day school at Ch'e Wang was kept up during the year except two months in the summer. The attendance averaged about six. It became evident before the close of the year that the teacher had not been sufficiently interested to make the school a success ; so he was dismissed at the end of the year. Owing to shortness of funds and the lack of a reliable teacher it is probable the school wil be discontinued for a time. The cost of the school to the mission was about $5o.

Respectfully submitted,

D.H. CLAPP.

REPORT OF FENCHO FU BOYS' SCHOOL FOR 1893.

At the beginning of the year school opened under rather unfavorable circumstances. Our rooms wer not suitable, being damp and unhelthy and not sufficient to accommodate those who applied for admission. We felt that with more and better rooms the school could be greatly enlarged and a better class of boys would come into it. Application was therefore made for funds to purchase land and erect buildings. The

money was granted at once. A smal strip of land was purchased adjoining the old place on the north, the walls wer moved out to include it in the old court and buildings erected. These consist of eight rooms sufficient to accommodate 4o boys, and a recitation room 14x31 ft. The total cost for land ,walls and buildings being $681.74,leaving a surplus of the original grant of $218.26. We ar in great need of a dining and wash room for the boys and a room for the teacher. These could be erected for less than the surplus.Would it not be a good plan to erect such building this summer and so be fitted out in all we would need for a no. of years ?

During the year the school has stedily increased in nos. and interest. Opening at the beginning of the year with an attendance of 14 we closed with 27. The first term opened Jan.1st and closed June 15th. The second opened Sept. 15th and continued to the end of the year. Highest no. in attendance,27; lowest, 14; average, 22. Cost: Food, 153.72; teacher, 33.6o; cook and assistant, 3o; incidentals, 43.6o ; books, 22.25; repairs,14.65. Total, $297.82. Received for board,5o.55. Net cost, $247.27.

Books used: Catechism, Three Character Classic, Peep of Day, Life of Christ, O.T.History, Mental Arithmetic, and Geografy.Fifteen boys hav the catechism, the same no. the T.C.Classic, h 12 hav studied P.of Day, and 15 ar committing the Life of Christ. Twenty study Ment.Arith. Four study Geog. and O.T.His.

At the beginning of the fall term Mr. Chang of Chiao Ch'eng was secured as teacher. Thus far he has shown himself faithful and seems to take a great interest in the boys. He has also asked to be taken into the ch and shows evidence of genuin faith in Christ.

We hav enjoyed the year's work and trust something has been done toward leading the boys to a better life. We start on the new year hopeful and with reliance on God who worketh and overcometh at His good pleasure. Respectfully submitted, C.W.PRICE.

REPORT OF FENCHO FU GIRLS' SCHOOL FOR 1893. copy in full

This report covers one term only. The school opened Oct. 2d '93 and closed Jan. 12, '94. The school opened with Mr. Ts'ui as teacher and Mrs. Li as matron. Three pupils wer in the school during the whole term, and two,more the whole term with the exception of a few days. Both nativ and Xn books wer studied. Three girls who had had previous instruction finished the Catechism and the T.C.Classic and two took several chap. in 'Important Words of Scripture.' Two other girls completed the Three C.Classic and about half of the Catechism, All studied the nativ. T.C.Classic, one completing it; and all wrote every day and lerned separate characters. Daily worship was held with the Life of Christ for the subject.

Mrs. Li was called home on account of sickness at the close of the third month and Mrs. Kao was hired to take her place.

Average for food per pupil per month, 1242 cash. Expenses : Furnishings,etc.,19,754; food,2o,493; do., 9,648; wages, 15,ooo;total, 64,895. Pd.by pupils,6,38o; pd. by mission, 58,515(about $4o.--Sec.)

Respectfully submitted, LYDIA LORD DAVIS.

REPORT OF COM. ON EXAM. OF NEW MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 1893.

Your Com. respectfully offer the following report :--

One exam. has been held during the year. Erly in the spring Rev. Mr. Farthing of the E.B.M.,T.Y.Fu, was invited by your Com. to come to T'aiku to examin the the newer members of the mission in Chinese and kindly consented to do so. The middle of June was the time fixed upon as most convenient to all concerned and when the time came the examiner was on hand redy for the work. He had carefully prepared papers for each of the three candidates, Mr. Atwater, Miss Bird and Mr. Williams and as the subjects for each wer different it required a good deal of work for the examiner to prepare.

The ground covered by each was as follows : Mr. Atwater taking the first six months of the T'ung Cho course of study embracing these points and marked as follows: Writing characters, 82; first 2o lessons of Wade, 93; Chapters in Jno. 95 2/3; tones, 94. Average, 91 1/6.

Miss Bird's marks wer as follows :--Martin's Evidences,82 2/3; "Chinese at a Glance," 88; Mat.,Luke,Acts, 84; Writing Characters,72; Translating Eng. into Chinese,96. Total, 84.4o.

Mr. Williams was able to be examined on only a part of the year's work owing to his having the care of our lamented brother Goldsbury during the latter's last ilness and also escorting Mrs. Goldsbury to Paoting Fu, wh. interrupted his studies for about two months and made it impossible for him to complete the work he had begun and wh. was far advanced tho not prepared for exam.The work finished was all in the New Tes. The following ar the results : Reading and translating sections of Mat.,Luke,Acts, into English, 8o; Tones, 86. Average,83.

It shd. be said that Mr. William's work is ahed of the course but there is one subject,viz: the 18 Sec.of Wade in wh.he is behind on the regular work of last year. It is hoped that he wil finish that this year so as to enter the third year's work regularly.

Analysis of the above shows that Mr. Atwter has the highest general average and Miss Bird the highest no.of marks on any one subject. But all did wel.

It seems to your com. that not only hav our friends who stood thi serching exam reason to be proud of their work but the mission has abundant cause for gratitude that our new members hav acquitted themselves so wel. Respectfully submitted, D.H.CLAPP, J.B.THOMPSON, Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF SHANSI MISSION FOR THE YEAR 1893.

Your Treas. would preface his report with thanks to the members of the mission for their aid and sympathy. Especially was this felt during my sickness and convalescence last fall.

The past year owing to the overproduction of silver was marked by the highest rate of ex. for AM.gold in the history of the mission,Bils having sold from .o2 5/8 premium to .18 premium. The highest previous sale was at .oo25(1/4 of one per cent.)premium,and the next highest was sold at what was then considered a high rate, viz: o26 discount, that being .o74 above what has been considered the normal rate of ten per cent discount. From advices up to date and the condition of the foreign markets there is every probability that silver wil continue fo some years at least to sel at a discount. I would therefore recommend

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Respectfully submitted, F.W.DAVIS,Treas.

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Fen Cho Fu Station Report, 1894.

The work of the station has been carried on with the usual diligence and tho the result has not been all that we could wish, there has been stedy progress in every line of work.

Dr. Atwood, in addition to his medical work, has held regular Sunday services in the waiting room of the dispensary. The attendance at this service is confined almost entirely to the hospital patients for the reason that the room is too small to allow outsiders to attend

Dr. Atwood has also during the year made three tours to Chiao C Ch'eng and Ch'ing Yuan attending fairs, selling books and preaching. He has also visited some of the patients in their homes after leaving the hospital preaching and distributing books.

There hav also been regular Sunday services held during the year in the school recitation room, the last two or three months a good number of outsiders being in attendance.

Here we see the urgent need of a chapel in F. C. Fu. Two preaching services ar held on adjoining places because neither place has a room large enuf to accommodate both the school and the hospital patients which is not good economy, especially when there ar so many places where we might be holding services.

At the beginning of the year for four months weekly visits wer made to Wang T'a and Tsun Chia Ts'un, preaching to an average of 35 in the congregation.

From Jan. 1st to June 1st Mr. Davis held regular Sunday services in the chapel on T'ai Ho Ch'iao Street, besides doing some touring to the surrounding villages distributing tracts and preaching. About June 1st having removed to Yu Tao Ho for the summer with his family, he held services in his home and also at the village of Wang T'a. One young man who there professed to believ has since been baptized.

The work with women has not been forgotten. Before moving out of the city for the summer, Mrs. Davis taught a class of several women in the chapel every day. Visits wer also made to Shih T'a. After removing to Yu Tao Ho women in Wang T'a received instruction during the summer.

In Sept. and Oct. Mr. Price was absent from the station seven weeks, going to Tientsin to accompany Dr. Hall and family to Jen Ts'un where they wer warmly welcomed as additions to our mission.

In Oct. Mr. & Mrs Davis removed to Jen Ts'un to assist Mr. & Mrs. Thompson in the work there, thus making a break in our social life and reducing the working force of the station which has never been too large and at present is in great need of more workers.

We hav also to record the deth of the infant child of Mr. & Mrs Davis only spared long enuf to leav a sweet memory and then transplanted. These little graves becoming so common in China ar evidence that God claims this people for His own.

There hav been discouraging features in the work of the year as there always wil be in China. Several of those who at the beginning of the year professed to believ hav proved unworthy and their names hav been dropped from the list.

But we ar glad to know others hav proved themselves worthy of confidence and we believ ar trying to liv true lives. On Feb 20th seven of these, after a careful examination by Dr. Atwood, wer received as true believers and baptized.

While we hav this encouragement for the year, the outlook for the future is more encouraging. Alredy fifteen names of applicants for baptism hav been handed in. These ar all adults, except one.

So we, striving to bring these people to the light, leav the work

in the hands of Him who worketh as He wil.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. PRICE.

San Luis Obispo Station Report.
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Rec'd July 1. 1895.

REPORT OF FEN CHO FU BOYS' SCHOOL, 1894.

The year has been a prosperous one for the school, tho there hav been causes that prevented us reaching the results we had hoped for, both in numbers and advance in studies. The absence of the foren teac er for seven weeks in Sept. and Oct. not only prevented the boys from receiving the instruction they otherwise would, but we believ the school did not attain to the numbers it would for the previous term had the foren teacher been present. Thus the average attendance for the year is lower than it might hav been.

The attendance has been more regular than any preceding year of the school, there being fewer changes and less going home during the term than ever before.

During our absence the boys in attendance red their Chinese books and attended Morning Prayers under the direction of Mr. Chang their Chinese teacher.

First term--Opened Feb. 22d with 32 pupils, closed
Closed June 1st with 36 pupils.

Second term--Opened Sept. 2d with 22 pupils
Closed Jan. 1st with 29 pupils
Average attendance for the year, 32x
School in session 7 months 2o days.
No. of days spent in teaching, 115.

Books used : Catechism, Three Character Classic, Peep of Day, O.T. History, Martin's Evidences, Mental Arithmetic and Geografy.

Employed : One nativ teacher, one cook, one assistant cook.

Cost of school for the year : $2o7.28.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. PRICE.

REPORT OF GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, 1894.

Owing to moving out erly in the summer and coming to Jen Ts'un in the fall the school was only in session three and one-half months. Ther hav been eleven girls in the school with an average of five.

Books studied : T. C. Classic, Catechism, Easy Scripture Lessons, Mark's Gospel.

Nativ books : Three Character Classic, The Hundred Names.

Writing Characters, Recognizing Characters.

At daily prayers a chronological life of Christ has been taught and some hymns.

The total cost of the school was $19.23.

Average per pupil per month : 66 cents.

Respectfully submitted, LYDIA LORD DAVIS.

School - for 1894.

Rec'd July 1. 1895.

REPORT OF FEN CHO FU HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY , 1894.

No. of new patients at the dispensary	1320
No of inpatients	80
No. of opium patients	103

Total	1503

No. of surgical operations, not including pulling of teeth, lancing abscesses, etc 53

Of these there wer for cataract 20

For other diseases of the ey 10

All but two received benefit from the operations and the large majority of cases received good sight.

The year has not been without its discouragements as wel as encouragements.

After the declaration of war the people wer pretty generally convinced that all the foreners had left Fen Cho Fu. Such was the rumor diligently circulated. The numbers in attendance at the dispensary fel off considerably in the fall and did not reach former numbers up to the end of the year.

About the same no. of opium patients attended as last year. Our object has not been to get large numbers into the refuge but to get those who did come interested in the truth. We hav not advertized the refuge. Those who hav come to us hav come on the recommendation of their friends who had been cured of the habit. Some hav come from qui a distance on the recommendation of their friends. One came from Ta T'ung Fu in the northern part of this province and one--an official--came from Yu Ling Fu in the northern part of Shensi, 1100 li from Fen Cho Fu. He herd of us thru a merchant who left us to go there on business.

Altho this form of work has been very discouraging in the past on account of the small per cent who remain cured; it is a satisfaction to know that the work is becoming less discouraging as we gain experience in it. We hav found better results gained by keeping the patient from 40 to 60 days or more if possible rather than from 20 to 30 days as formerly. It has also seemed very desirable that we should giv employment to certain ones who could not afford to loose their time for this lengthened period. The problem lies before us as to what this employment should consist in. It must be some light employment, becaus at first the strength of the reformed men is not equal to any very severe or long-continued strain. This is one reason why so many return to the habit, because they must return to hard work as soon as they return home. It may be that some suitable employment can be found and thus a larger per cent of this unfortunate class permanently reclaimed

The need is yearly growing more urgent of a hospital chapel, a separate ward for women, and one for the opium refuge. The latter has stil to be confined to one large room in the one general court of the hospital. This court is all needed for general cases, many of whom

hav had to be refused admittance during the year and it wil be stil less adequate as the work grows.

The voluntary contributions to the dispensary for the purpose of buying medicines during the year was 48,000 cash besides $5.00 from Miss Partridge.

The number of welthy patients in the hospital this year has been much smaller than last year ; this may account for the falling off in these gifts. The number of gifts is about the same.

As last year, three tours wer made to Ch'ing Yuan and some of the hospital patients wer visited in their homes. We wer very cordially received and invited to come again.

The evangelistic part of the work is the sole object of the medical work and toward that every part of the work has been made to bend

Preaching services on Sunday hav been held thruout the year almos without any interruption, and daily morning prayers hav been attended by all in the hospital and refuge who wer able to do so. The waiting room has been just comfortably ful with the men and the women hav had to sit in the adjoining dispensary room. Thus up to the measure of our ability we hav tried to care for both body and soul.

We ar glad to be able to ad that the year has not been without some marks od Divine approval. Quite a number hav expressed their interest in the truth and several hav professed faith in Christ publicly and some of these seem trying ernestly to liv a sincere Christian life

Respectfully submitted, I. J. ATWOOD, M. D.

& Dispensary. for 1894.

Rec'd July 1. 1895.

REPORT OF JEN TS'UN STATION FOR 1894.

It is stil the initial period of the work at this station. But we ar not without marks of encouragement.

In a previous report it was stated that 10 persons had been received as catechumens. Of this number only one was received to baptism in 1894, this one being Mr. K'ang of Yen Ts'un, who was wel known to all the senior members of the mission. Mr. K'ang had been a moderate user of opium but he broke off the habit in Mr. Clapp's refuge. This good man died in the Lord on the 21st of June, after a long and painful ilness. It was a great privilege to visit him in his last sicknes and to hear his clear testimony to the saving power of the truth. Before he was taken sick he bore a good testimony for his Lord in his own and in surrounding villages. With his dying breth he urged his family and friends to yield to the divine claims.

Of the other nine catechumens, one was rejected, three fel away, one dropped out of notice, and four ar stil in the balance.

Within the year 130 tours wer made to the towns and villages round about. Mrs. Thompson made 75 regular trips to Fan Ts'un, Yen Ts'un, and Ch'e Wang ; she also made three tours to Ch'ing Yuan, one of a fortnight's duration, the other two taking a week each. The work in the homes at Ch'e Wang was undertaken in substitution for Mrs. Clapp. At Fan Ts'un there is one home open to the Gospel, while at Yen Ts'un the widow of our late friend Mr. K'ang welcomed the lady missionaries to her humble home thruout the year. Altogether in 1894 there wer 205 distinctivly missionary tours or visits made to the surrounding villages from this station.

The year under review was not marked by any large sale of books in connection with the work at this place. In fact there is as yet no demand for Christian literature in this section. a liberal number of leaflets wer distributed and there is reason to believ that these ar generally red by the persons who receiv them. Since the opening of this station about twenty thousand leaflets hav been put in juditious circulation.

As usual two regular Sabbath services wer held thruout the year. No attempt was made to number the attendants but it may be interesting to state that a careful count kept for the three months since the time covered by this report shows an average attendance of 12 at each of the two Sabbath services; which number does not include patients, children, servants, teachers, pupils in the school, or any one who might feel under obligation to attend.

Erly in October Mr. and Mrs. Davis came to Jen Ts'un from Fen Cho Fu for a visit. They afterwards decided to remain all the winter--a decision to which all the members of the mission informally assented. The arrangement thus made has proved to be highly hylpful to all concerned. Mr. Davis accompanied Mr. Thompson on some of the visits to the villages and also took charge of one of the Sabbath services, while Mrs. Davis helped Mrs. Thompson in the work among the women. Mrs. Davis continued her Girls' School at Jen Ts'un, of which a report wil no

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doubt be made in its proper place.

Three station classes wer held at different times during the year One class was composed of five men and one boy, of whom three wer connected with us. The other two classes wer composed of two momen each. This is significant as showing that we ar at length reaching a few who ar not afraid to reside for a while on the missionary grounds, which is certainly a hopeful indication.

The helth of the members of this station has been good thruout the year.

The Rev. G. L. Williams and family and Miss Partridge of the T'ai ku station spent part of the summer of '94 at this place. To the regre of all Mr. Williams was taken sick soon after the beginning of the hot weather. The Rev. H. Dixon, of the Eng. Bap. Mission, kindly came down to render what service he could; also Dr. Edwards. Subsequently Dr. Atwood was called up to attend the case, and with the divine bless ing upon what was done for him Mr. Williams was restored to helth late in the fall.

At the last an.meeting it was informally decided that should a doctor be appointed to the T'aiku station in 1894 it would be wel to let him stay at Jen Ts'un for one year in order to afford him a quiet opportunity to begin the study of the language. In accordance with this wish when Dr. W. L. Hall and family arrived in October they wer located at this place.

Dr. Hall soon after his arrival kindly offered to hold regular clinics and a small court was fitted up for this purpose.

Not much money was used for repairs at this station in 1894. The sum spent in this way was $69.86, which was less than the sum granted by the Board for this purpose. The repairs which this amount covered include the court prepared for dispensary purposes as wel as accommodation for the Girls' School. The expenditures for all purposes fel short of the grant by $116.2o; which is all the more satisfactory because it does not represent any curtailment of work but shows that a ful year's work has been done at a moderate financial outlay.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. THOMPSON.

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REPORT OF T'AIKU STATION FOR 1894.

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The working force of the station during the year was composed of two missionaries and their wives and twosingle ladies. In the autumn we welcomed the arrival of Dr. & Mrs. Hall, who came to take up the work laid down by our beloved Dr. Goldsbury. The work of the year has suffered severely from the loss of the labors of Mr. & Mrs. Clapp who left us in March for a wel-erned rest in the home land.

At present only one nativ helper is activly engaged in the work of the station, and he is teacher in the boarding school giving without extra pay what time he has left from school duties to evangelistic work, preaching regularly on the Sabbath and giving some time to the street chapel. The question of nativ helpers is the most important one before us. Without them we cannot grow.

In reporting the work done during the year it may not be out of place to state that all the workers ar new-comers, only one having been on the field the time required for the preparatory course of study on the language.

The year marks the organization of the first church of T'aiku with 16 members, wh. happy event took place on the 1st of Feb. A missionary was chosen as pastor and the other regular offices of the ch. wer filled by nativs, Deacon Liu proving a most efficient and indispensable aid to the pastor. The regular services and rites of the ch. hav been regularly observed, and thus the first lessons of organization and united effort hav been lerned.

The weekly prayer meeting was a source of edification and strength

A S. School of 50 members was maintained.

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Several who hav become quite regular attendants, to some extent recognize the claims of the Gospel but not yet to the extent of 'forsaking all that they hav' especially their opium.

Miss Bird has continued her weekly visits to Ch'eng Chia Chuang, a village near T'aiku, where she has taught the women who assembled in the house of Mr. Wu, a probationer. While no conversions can be reported here, Mrs. Wu especially shows a teachable and receptiv spirit.

A few visits wer made to Tung Fang, a large town, where the Gospel was first listened to by the people with unusual interest and respect but as yet we ar not able to carry on regular work there. It is to be greatly regretted that more itinerating has not been done but the regular work at T'aiku and Ch'e Wang together with the study of the language hav not permitted it.

Teaching in station classes is a form of work much employed in mission work which we hav great faith in but which practically has not accomplished much in our station as yet. The station class plan is t the chataqua idea in a simple way by which probationers and inquirers spend a few weeks on the mission premises reading and studying with the missionaries. Rooms, heated and lighted, ar furnished and this is the only expense incurred by the station in such work. Nine persons including men and women hav thus received instruction on the average of one month each.

The school work, perhaps the most important part of the work of this station thus far is given in another report.

The medical and consequently the general work received a severe blow by the untimely deth of Dr. Goldsbury. After long waiting we wer greatly cheered by the arrival of Dr. Hall to carry forward the medical work. While spending the first winter quietly at Jen Ts'un for preparatory study of the language his frequent visits to the city to treat special cases hav been very helpful.

While the tabulated reports of our work seem to show but little progress from year to year much really has been accomplished in the way of preparing the ground and sowing the seed. Deacon Liu says that now only 10 men out of 100 say Christianity is bad where 90 said it was so formerly. There is not a city or hamlet in this district wher one may not freely preach the Gospel. Progress is necessarily slow. The habits and set of character of thousands of years must be overcome Even when they ar favorably disposed many put Christianity only on a par with their own religions calling all good and do not clearly distinguish, being willing to worship God and gain the benefit if there is any but often turning again to their false gods in times of special trouble and distress. The work is coming up to the transition period and in time we may expect to reap abundant harvests if we faint not.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. L. WILLIAMS.

Rec'd July 1. 1895.

REPORT OF T'AIKU BOYS' BOARDING SCHOOL, 1894.

This school which was established some six years ago with one pupil enrolled, has had thirty-seven under instruction during the past year, with thirty-three in actual attendance at one time. The ages of the pupils range from 7 to 18 years. A few liv in the city, but the large number come from villages from five to one hundred and twenty li distant, and one from the south of the province comes four hundred and fifty li. The Chinese classics ar taught by Mr. Liu, who assists in chapel prayers and assumes the oversight of the boys in their own courts. The rest of the teaching is by American teachers of whom there ar three. Besides the Chinese classics, there hav been classes during the year in the following studies : Three character Classic (Christian), Catechism, Important Words of Scripture, Gospel of John, Gospel of Mark, Gospel of Matthew, Acts, Mental Arithmetic with text book, written aritemetic, two grades with text book, Primary Arithmetic, three classes without text book, Geografy, primary and advanced, Science Primer and Biology. There hav also been reading classes in Peep of Day, Old Tes. History, Three Religions of China, and Pilgrim's Progress.

In the erly part of the year the school suffered greatly from the departure to the home land of Mrs. Clapp who up to that time had borne the care and responsibility of the school as wel as done the larger part of the teaching; and teachers and pupils alike ar looking forward with pleasure to her expected return another year. At the time of Mrs. Clapp's departure, Mr. Atwater added to the number of classes he was alredy teaching, and later Miss Partridge took a share of the work making the number of teachers three, as stated above.

The attendance has been regular, and the recitations on the whole good, tho with varying degrees of excellence. No system of prizes has ever been used. A small sum was presented to the school for that purpose, but was allowed to go into the general fund. Altho there ar no prizes, regular good work receivs a slight reward which all may gain. Twenty credits for perfect daily recitations entitle the pupils to a card each, or an evening in the sitting room of one of the teachers,or in warm weather, to an afternoon outing.

The helth of the school during the year has not been of the very best, tho the work has not been seriously hindered by sickness. Ampler courts and purer air would ad much to the helth as wel as pleasure of the pupils.

Of the spiritual condition of the school it is harder to speak with certainty. We trust that higher ideals of manhood and truer conceptions of Christianity ar growing in the harts of some There ar eigh church members, three of whom wer admitted the erly part of the year. A number of the boys hav expressed a desire to be Christians, but none of these hav as yet been entered as probationers.

There is need stil of patient work and loving prayer but with trust in the Lord there is bright hope for the future.

Respectfully submitted, ROWENA BIBB.

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Statistics for 1894-95 Approximately.

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Yours truly

D. N. Clapp

SHANSI MISSION.

1892-94.

Three stations; 3 out-stations; 7 missionaries, 1 a physician; 1 other physician; 10 assistant missionaries; 2 native preachers; 7 native teachers; 10 places for stated preaching; 2 churches; 21 members; 40 Sunday-school pupils; 1 boarding school for boys; 44 pupils; 20 common schools; 44 pupils; total under instruction, 286.

Girls' School. 8 pupils
Boys' School - 34 pupils

1 Church - 8 members.
1 Outstation -

34

Fen chowfu Station Report for 1895

The work of this station station has been faithfully carried on through the year and under God's blessing has bourn fruit to his honor and glory. Notwithstanding the disturbed condition of the country on account of the war and of the fact that some of the workers are young in the work, the work has been vigorously prosecuted.

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Another feature of the work of the past year was the attendance at large fairs and the distribution there by a foreigner of leaflets to the crowds. These great fairs were held along the western side of the plain from Ch'ing Yüan 140 li north to Lao Ai San 15 South. Leaflets were handed in person

by the foreigner to 20,000 people and he was seen by fully 75000 people. This was at a time when the reports were every where spreading that the foreigners had all fled the country and it was believed that this work would do something to counteract these lying reports and they were without doubt useful in this direction. Many anti-opium leaflets were distributed and it was no doubt in some measure due to this that many patients came to the opium refuge to break off opium.

Some villiage have been visited by Mr. Price on Saturdays at at other times when he could get away from his school also Mr. Atwater has made some visits to villiage. A preaching service has been held quite regularly on Sunday at the mill at Yü tao hè, our summer resort. The attendence here was not large and this place of preaching has since been given up.

In Oct. the working force of the station was increased by the arrival of Mr. Atwater and his family among us. Their arrival has given us an impetus in the right direction

and given us hope and courage in the future prospects of the work.

Mrs. Atwater opened a school for girls Nov. 1st which was continued for three months or nearly the remainder of the Chinese year with an attendence of 8.

In Dec. a street chapel was opened in the South Suburb of the city with a prospect of much good to be done there. The location is on a much traveled street, the people of the locality are friendly and there is quite a large reading constituency in this suburb. There are several boys' schools in the near vacinity. It is hoped that it will become a reading room and depot for the sale of Christian and scientific books. This work has been mainly in the hands of Mr. Atwater.

The boys' school has been very prosperous during the year. More boys have applied than could be received into the school, hence through a process of selection the grade of the school has slightly improved. The securing of an educated Christian teacher who has received a thorough

training at P'ing chou is a long step in advance in the history of the school and we hope for great improvement in the future.

The number of those received on probation for the year is 25 and the number of those to whom baptism was administered is 8.

The work of Mr. Pu at Ching Yüan in the boys' day school was visited twice and found in encouraging and hopeful condition. Being at so great a distance from Penchoufu it was thought advisable to turn this work over to the brethren of the Paikw station who are nearer and can thus superintend it to better advantage.

With thanks to God for the marks of his blessing upon the work this report is respectfully submitted,

J. J. Atwood.

Penchoufu, Apr. 13th.
1896.

Rec'd June 30. 1896.
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Extract from the Fen-chow-fu Station Report for 1895.

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Report of Fen-chow-fu Boys School for year ending Feb. 1st 1896

Opened July 2nd 1895

Closed Feb 1st 1896

Highest number in attendance 34

Average attendance 29

Number of days spent in teaching 176

Total cost of the school for the year $194.92

Number taught in the School C. Catechism, Primitive Classic, Life of Christ, Book of Days, Old Test. History, Martyr's Confidences, Arithmetic, Geography.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Price.

Fen-chow-fu

Mar. 25th 1896.

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Pen chou fu.
Mar. 12th, 1896.

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Medical Report of Penchowfu
1895

The number of dispensary treatments 2,600
" " " opium reformers 169
" " " in-patients 40
Total number of patients 2809

Number of surgical operations 34
Of these three (3) were for hare-lip, four (4) were for cataract and seven (7) for other eye diseases. Five (5) tumours were removed, one weighing two pounds was removed from the popliteal space of the leg of a woman 35 years of age, a widow and supporting several little children as well as the tumour. The number of cases of attempted suicide by throat cutting treated was five (5). All of these cases were saved including one who had completely severed the trachea and oesophagus. His sponsors made a present of 30 taels silver on his recovering. Several case of severe wounds from attempted murder were treated. One young man was brought in with more than twenty sword cuts upon his hands, arms, neck & body. When

he arrived the gashes had been plastered full of what was said to be powder of dragons bones, but what proved on closer investigation to be powdered human skull. The cadaverous smell so filled the waiting room that it was difficult for a foreigner to remain in the room. The case recovered and the man's friends made a present of 10 taels silver.

One young man with a family came to the hospital with compound comminuted fracture of the left leg caused by his being run over by a large cart loaded with soldiers who were on their way into Kan'su to the scene of the Mohammedan rebellion. After a protracted stay in the hospital he was discharged with fair use of the broken leg and has since gained almost complete use of it. He was touched by the kindness shown him while in the hospital & convinced that the Gospel must be true & has asked to be admitted to the church. His name

was taken on probation.

One man came from Wen Shui, 23 miles North, with one arm gangrenous to the elbow from the running of a needle into the elbow by a Chinese doctor. Another patient suffering with indigestion had had needles run into his temples, into the back of his neck and the small of the back and still was no better but decidedly worse.

Another gentleman came with an aching tooth from which he said he had suffered agony indescribable for 3 years. On opening his mouth the tooth dropped out of itself before the forceps could be adjusted. Such incidents lead one to doubt whether the active interference of the native fraternity is properly distributed.

That confidence in foreign medicine exists to some extent is shown by the incident of a young father & mother from the country who brought in their little boy 3 years old and its left-hand wrapped up separately the child in a quilt and its hand in a towel. The hand had been chopped off a day or two

before in a feed cutter, the blade of which had been left open against the wall. The child was left alone playing with the knife and the blade fell and chopped the hand off clean at the wrist joint. The parents seemed quite disappointed that we could not make the hand grow on again.

The opium refuge work has increased on our hands during the year almost to alarming proportions. We have refused to admit nearly one half of the applicants for lack of accomidations and still the opium-work has nearly crowded the regular hospital work out (during the winter months) from the one court which is all we have.

One tour was made to Yü-lin-fu in the North of Shensi by the Medical Asst at the request of an official of that place, who was an inmate of the refuge last year, to open a refuge in that place. This experiment was apparently quite successful. The examination halls of the city were given up temporarily for the purpose and a class of 64 was admitted to treatment. All but five (5) were reported

cured of the habit. In this class were the Pao tai of Yü lin fu and a son of the Chen t'ai. These two persons gave in presents in addition to their fees the sum of 30 taels silver.

Another class of over 100 was in readiness waiting to enter, but the Asst was taken sick and as soon as able returned to Fan chou fu, not however before the officials had given him a feast and an honorary tablet of glittering appearance.

The need of another court for the opium refuge work and of one for women patients is daily growing more painful. In fact the case is almost violent. One man brought his whole family, he & his wife both wishing to leave off the opium habit. There was no room but he insisted on staying until it was necessary to threaten to send to the magistrate and have him confined.

It is with great risk of scandal and embarrasment to the work that we are compelled to receive patients indiscriminately in our court.

During the Fall & early Winter this region suffered from an epidemic of fever and ague. The people say that formerly this was a rare disease but last fall as many as a score or more would apply for medicine at a single clinic. This may have been due to the cold and wet summer.

We are glad to be able to report some results of the work among the patients in the apparent conversion of between 20 and 30, mostly among the opium patients.

Most of the patients have attended regular Sun. services and daily morning prayers. Beside these meetings since Oct. 1st a regular evening service has been held with them in the waiting room. This meeting is attended by all the opium patients and by all others able to leave their room. These evening meetings seem to be enjoyed by the patients and consist in short talks with reading of scripture interspersed with the singing of a number of Gospel hymns. We have more hope of this service than of most any other form of work.

Besides those who have openly pro-

fessed Christianity the number of those who have become interested in and are friendly to Christianity has increased during the year by a good number. We thank God for the privelege of engaging even in a little of this great work.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. Atwood.

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Report of Jen Psun Station for 1895.

The year 1895 was unmarked by great things in the Chinese Work of the Station, either good or bad. Regular services have been held in the Chapel twice each Sabbath with audiences from 30 to 60. Services have also been held by Mrs. Thompson & Mrs. Davis for women and the school pupils in the house sitting room. Powing to 6 market villages within a radius of 30 li has been prosecuted by street preaching and tract distribution. Upwards of 150 visits have been made and more than 10000 tracts distributed. Of this branch of the work Mr. & Mrs. Thompson have done the lion's share, owing to my occupation in bookkeeping & repairing. Of the importance of this work as of other forms of work too much cannot be said.

Although the results of the year's work are only apparent in the attitude of the people, yet like the leaven in the meal the results though invisible are real & enduring. There is always a time after seed sowing, before the seed has sprung up that tries our faith because we cannot see that the seed is germinating, and we may not know whether the seed has been devoured by the fowls of the air or not.

The girls school under the care of Mrs. Thompson & Mrs Davis has been growing in numbers and usefulness,

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the attendence for the last term of 6 months being an average of 9 1/6 for the whole six months.

Respectfully submitted for the Jen Drum Station

F. W. Davis.

Rec'd June 30, 1876.

Girls School - 14 pupils 1895

Report of Gen Lo'im School for Girls.

This the first term of the year 1895 opened Feb. 25 and closed July 2nd. The attendance has been very irregular, due largely to sickness. Three of the children have had measles, one a two very bad cases of sore, sore ears etc, while one girl went home with fever, one left to see an uncle, one to watch the gate and one to teach in the opium refuge at Li Man. So take it all together, there has been much absence.

However progress has been made. Eight names on the roll are much more encouraging than the three of last year. While the teacher Mr. Lew was away for two weeks, the elder pupils taught the younger ones in a very acceptable way and seemed to take a good deal of pride in it. More reading classes have been added and Li Ya Sao has commenced the Geography. We have commenced to teach them music by note. Whether or not it will prove a success remains to be seen. We have added a nice light room and another court for the use of the school, which makes them much more comfortable.

They have committed five hymns and

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a part of the Sermon on the Mount, since finishing the Outline Life of Christ.

The school received a present from Mr. Thompson of a chart holder and the following books:- 10 illustrated copies of the Gospel of Luke, 6 copies Old Testament Stories, 5 copies Rest of Day & 13 copies Important Words of Scripture.

The second term of 1895 opened July 27, after a Summer vacation of 3½ weeks. The number present at the beginning was six. The term closed Jan 15, 96 after six months, with an attendance of eleven pupils. Three have been enrolled on the roll this term which shows a good increase on the eight of the preceeding term. The net cost to the Board has been $95.25. The average per pupil per month was for the first term $.73, for the second $.45.

It has been by far the most successful term of the two years of school. The pupils have been more regular in attendance and have kept at their work with a good degree of zeal.

The Geography class has been enlarged from one to four and has been much more inter-

esting. A class of eight have read in the Peep of Day and five of the older girls have read the Old Testament Stories through twice, and have also read the small book called "Henry" by Dr. Blodgett. This book they enjoyed very much and read it through by themselves long before it was finished in class.

There seems to be a great dearth of easy reading matter among the books for sale. Not only have I found this so, but I am told that teachers of girls' schools in other parts of the Empire find the same scarcity of easy literature. If some one would translate 40 or 50 easy stories into easy Chinese, they would be gratefully thankful I am sure. It is Mrs Thompson's idea to have the girls do a great deal of sight-reading and I think it a wise idea only, as I said, I am hampered by the lack of reading material.

I am sure I do not believe in so much committing of lessons to memory as the Chinese do, for to my mind it cultivates the memory at the expense of the reasoning faculty. I would not by any means discard the

commutting allogether but I would if I had the time, make it take a secondary place.

The four older girls have also been studying the Gospel of John. This class of older girls though their work is still elementary has been by far the most pleasant of the school to me. They have still gone on with the recognizing of characters and daily writing lessons. They have improved much in singing which is due I think to the use of the organ and the practice of singing by note.

During the term they have learned 20 hymns more or less perfectly.

During the first term Mrs Thompson taught in the school, the last term, because of her absence I have been alone. The year has had ten months of hard constant work, done in the strength of Him who promises "As thy day thy strength shall be". With grateful thanks to Him who has given me this work to do.

Lydia Lud Davis

Jin Lsam

Shanxi China.

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Annual Report of the Taiku Station of the Shansi Mission of the A. B. C. F. M. for 1895.

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Mr and Mrs D. H. Clapp.
Dr and Mrs W. L. Hall.
Mr and Mrs G. L. Williams
Miss S. R. Bird.
Miss M. L. Partridge.

Nat. Contribution $5.00
S.S. pupils 50
1 Church - 20 mem. - 5 catechumens

In November the station welcomed the return of Mr and Mrs Clapp from a year's furlough in the United States, thus making good again the number of three missionary families which had been depleted by the removal of Mr and Mrs Atwater to Fen chow Fu in September.

During the summer and autumn Dr Hall suffered many long weeks with acute Rheumatic Fever. With this exception the general health of the station has been better than the unsanitary conditions of the missionary homes would seem to allow for which we give thanks. It is a matter of extreme regret that it has been impossible to remove outside the city because of the conditions necessarily imposed by the Prudential Committee on account of a depleted treasury.

Peace. It is a cause for devout thankfulness that the Lord has blessed us with peace within and without. During the darkest hours of the late war the work suffered no harm. A larger number of pupils in the school and a fuller appreciation of the missionary and better attention to his message were blessed surprises.

The church. During the year the church, which was established in 1894, has grown in knowledge and experience rather than in numbers, only 5 five having been received by baptism, making the number of members after subtracting one removed by death, 20 twenty. The number of families who have given up false gods is constantly increasing but as yet few are willing to bear the "shame" and responsibility of the Christian life. Under a less careful policy many more would have been admitted to the church.

Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the church was well attended and made both instructive and a means of grace by three sessions; sermons in the morning and evening and a business meeting in the afternoon.

Contributions. The Native Sabbath contributions (exclusive of those of the foreigners) for the year amounted

to about $5-00 gold.

dinances of. All the ordinances of the church were faithfully observed. The wednesday evening prayer meeting was a source of strength and comfort.

A Sunday School of 50 members studied the International Lesson Quarterlies - at the communion seasons it is a great satisfaction to watch the face of Deacon Lin so expressive of tender love and deep humility as he passes the sacred elements. This man has great power and efficiency in preaching and is a great help to the Evangelistic work.

Chiwang. At Chiwang the principal out station, sabbath services were regularly kept up during the whole year, the people meeting all the expenses, hiring a convenient room on the Main Street for services and paying for fuel and care of room. At this place several families have given up their idols and there is a growing receptiveness and a lessening hatred on the part of the people.

ung Fang. In the late Fall a new out station was opened at Tung Fang which promises well. The work there dates from the selling of a Gospel upon the village street. At first we met in a very small dirty room freely offered in a private

house. Not more than a dozen men could possibly enter at once but it cost no foreign money and we held on. Soon the people themselves provided a larger room, though still poor and mean, furnished only with a bench or two and a small table with chair besides the common kang. Here we helped them in necessary repairs to the extent of exactly $1.41, the people providing for the fire and care of room. This is the nearest approach to self support which we have yet secured in the beginning of a new work. The hearers of the word are many and seem more than usually receptive of the truth, an average of 50 being present each sabbath.
The place is ripe for a school but Alas! we have no suitable teacher.

Yao Tsun. From Yao Tsun, two miles beyond Chi kang a call has also repeatedly come for a village school. Here lives the family of a church member and others interested in christianity but again we must say no because we have no christian teacher.

Huai Jên The same is true of Huai Jên five miles farther on.

Li Man. At Li Man, the summer resort of this station, regular preaching services were conducted until November, and after that date from Jaiku in

connection with Dr Hall's clinics as he was able to begin that work.

Ching Yüan. A visit to the Ching Yüan school under the care of the Hin Chan Fu station, was made pleasant by a cordial reception in the homes of the pupils, proving the good influence of the school although as yet there is little vital interest in the Gospel.

Colporteurs. No regular colporteur has been employed during the year and the number of Scriptures and Tracts sold has not been large, the "Christian Three Character Classic" and the "Catechism on the True Doctrine" always taking the lead in number sold. Encouragement is found in the greater demand for books on the part of christians.

Opium Refuge. The Opium Refuge work was dropped during the absence of Mr Clapp. This work was reopened on his return late in the year and will be reported next year. A number of cases of Opium poisoning were treated during the year of all ages and conditions including a child two years old, a young bride and a crazy man whom his own Mother tried to poison to death.

Conclusion. In conclusion we would call attention to the two great needs of the station.

(1) Funds for removing the work outside of Jaiku city. This need is made imperative both from health reasons and the demands of an enlarging work.

(2) The crying need for native Helpers; Preachers, Teachers and Colporteurs, without whom we cannot hope for rapid growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. L. Williams.

for 1895

Rec'd June 30. 1896.

1 Boys School - 40 pupils
1 " " Chinese pupils -

Report of Tarkan Boys' School 1895

The report for 95 must be very similar to that of the preceding year. Although there has been some change of pupils since last year, the attendance has been much the same and the subjects taught, but little different.

There have been forty names on the roll during the year, with an average attendance of 26 during the Spring term and slightly less during the Fall.

As before the studies taught by foreign teachers have been, Scripture, Arithmetic Geography and easy science with reading classes in Bible History and Christian Evidences. The most advanced class has recited selections from the Psalms, taken written Arithmetic Vol 2, to proportion and finished advanced Geography and Biology.

The class has been hampered by the lack of text books, and has waited some months for the advanced Geography which is under revision and not yet in print.

An unusually long Summer vacation seemed unavoidable though unfortunate

but it was shortened by an arrangement by which Mr. Liu (not Lin) began school before it was possible for any of the foreign teachers to return to the city. The work in school hours at that time was confined to the Chinese classes but the boys had daily Bible instruction in morning prayers, the weekly prayer-meeting, and two services on Sunday - all conducted by Mr. Liu, and were getting settled down to some regular work. There were 25 boys in attendance and ready for full work when a teacher could return, which seemed to us much better than an added months vacation.

The teaching force has varied much during the year. Mr. Atwater's work was discontinued in April on the removal of his family to Liman and his transfer to Fen Chow Fu later made it impossible for him to resume it. In the Fall the work was so divided as to leave Miss Partridge free for woman's work and this deprived the school of another teacher. At that time however Mrs. Kelsey had returned and was able to take her old place in the school. Her return means more to the school work than can well be expressed in a ~~school~~ report

of this kind and it was with the greatest of pleasure that she was welcomed both by old pupils and co-workers to her former place among us.

It has been with sorrow that we have seen some of our oldest pupils obliged for one reason and another to leave school during the year. One of these had been in school six years and another nearly five and their places are not easily filled by newer pupils. On the other hand there are bright and promising faces among the new boys; and of the older pupils still in school, there are those who are growing in manliness and we trust becoming fitted for some good work in the world.

At the close of the year's work we feel the need of an awakening and renewing that that can only come by an out pouring of the Spirit amongst us. May the coming year be one of richer blessing - a year in which many young hearts shall be turned to their Savior and those who love Him now be established & strengthened.

Respectfully Submitted

Rowena Bird

for 1895.

Rec'd June 30, 1896.

1895.

Report of Medical work in Paikiu Station, Shansi Mission A. B. C. F. M.

Number of cases	545
Number of treatments	7454
#	
Surgical cases,	
(a) Capital operations,	2
(b) Minor "	21
(c) " cases treated	492
#	
Diseases of respiration	94
#	
Diseases of Alimentary tract, Mouth, Stomach, Intestines	14
#	
Diseases of skin	3
#	
Diseases of Eye, Ear & nose	3
#	
Unclassified at time seen	

To the Annual Session of Shansi Mission:-

The year 1895 has its record, but the story is soon told. This report (also) includes time from Oct. 26th to Dec. 31st 1894. My first treatment, amputation of thumb, was at Gen-Pum, on Friday, Oct. 26th-94.

At this time there seems no occasion for a detailed history of the medical work in Taiku station. Many prayers have been offered and many answered. There have been seasons of rejoicing and seasons of dark sorrow. Up to the time of my coming three physicians had ministered to the wants of this people. Dr. Atwood alone remains to tell of the prayers & heartaches, the gratitude and loving remembrance. When he seemed just ready for efficient service, as viewed by human eyes & reckoned by human minds, your beloved physician was called to the Master & Dr. Goldsbury passed from labor to reward. I ask your prayers that I may be enabled to labor in the Master's work, with as much consecra-

tion and reverence as they who marked out the lines for me.

The record is soon made for the period of my stewardship. Not much has been done, I know, but it has not been in vain. The commission was given, "go, and my Spirit will go with you", and the promise has been fulfilled. There has been so much of happiness and contentment given, and the "peace of an obedient life" increases day by day.

Up to March 1st 1895 I had two clinic days each month, at Jen Bun. There was so much to be done and my heart went out to the poor suffering people who came for help. I could not do much for them as I knew so little of their language. The silent language of suffering made plain the way and showed me my duty and my privilege. While at Jen Bun, Bro. Davis proved a proficient laborer for the Master, at the same time helping me over the hard places in my association with the people.

April, May and June were passed at Ta Man. That the services of the foreign doctor

were appreciated goes without saying. During this period we had clinics once a week. So much kindness has been shown me by all. Bro. Atwater attended the clinics for men and Miss Bird cared for the women. The other ladies of the station did conscientious service.

The first of July we went to Penchoufu for a much needed change. During our stay in Penchoufu Miss Partridge had the care of a number of my patients. She also cared for some at a later period, when the physician was a burden rather than a help.

I returned about the first of August, strengthened for the work, spiritually and physically. How full of happiness were the days of this time. The future was full of promise and the way seemed bright. I outlined a special course of study & of work for the coming fall and winter. I looked forward to a period of labor and peace. I proposed and God disposed & He knew best. September first I was called to forego all my plans and instead of doing for others there came to me a season of much suffering. The way seemed dark.

at times but His dear hand was leading me all the days and His Will was sweet to me.

And now at the dawning of a New Year my heart is filled with gratitude to Him. He has spared me for, & to, his work, & come what may, we rest secure in the promise of His Spirit. It is with feelings of mingled pleasure & thankfulness, on the threshold of 1896; gaining strength for the beloved work; with increased love & gratitude and with my heart filled with His praise, I accept again the work I was asked to relinquish for a season. That I may gather some sheaves for the Master's harvest shall be my humble endeavor.

Our Needs.

The first and by far the most important need, for the work, is a home for the the station outside the city of Paikia. No man can do his best work, if his surroundings are unsanitary. If Mal aria may be defined bad, air, the situation may be described & defined by

one word. It is my humble opinion that just so long as the members of the station remain in their present premises, we may dread the coming of any of the numerous epidemics which hang, like Damocle's sword, over all these Chinese cities.

The record shown by the year just ended will furnish conclusive evidence of the truth of the position I hold on the question. Not a member of the station, but will join in a plea for a home. Eight or nine months in the city and three or four months spent in search of health will handicap any business, occupation or line of service. Let us humbly ask the great and a perfect giver, to open some purse-string and touch some heart, so we may be assured of a reasonable assurance of health and comfort.

At this time, the medical work is too far away to be reached by the members of the station who wish to labor daily for the good of the cause. When the members of the station are more comfortable situated, let us try to have convenient quarters for treating

the afflicted. At Li Man, as you all know, we are reasonably well situated. With some changes we can live in our present quarters and suffer but little inconvenience. The courts for medical work in Li Man will do until such time as we may be enabled to build outside the city of Paiku. No more pleasant location, both for surroundings and in point of health, may be found than the present quarters in Li Man. Less than $1000.00 Gold will secure to the Mission the places now used for medical work and residence for attending physician, so I would ask the Mission to consider a proposition to petition, for this sum, when the Committee the Prudential Committee, shall have given their consent to our moving all the work of Paiku station outside the city. We will be satisfied here, for so long a time as it may be thought best for us to remain.

We have no cause for complaint, and we are not discouraged. The Lord will care for his laborers and his work and He will give the increase. In our stud

of the parable of the Sower we must not only read of the seed which fell by the way side and was trodden down; that which fell on a rock and died for lack of moisture; and that which fell among thorns and was choked, but of that which fell on good ground and sprang up and gave an abundant increase.

Mizpah —
W. L. Hall.

Rec'd June 30, 1896.

Report of Woman's Work for Taiku.

As a first report of woman's work for Taiku station, this paper must necessarily be brief. The work is great only in hope for the future.

The return of Mrs Clapp and the progress in the language of younger members gives reinforcement for this branch of the work and promise of greater growth hereafter.

Visits have been made with more or less regularity to four villages, - to Cheu-Wang and Ching Chia Chuang throughout the year; to Li Man since Spring and to Pan Tau Chuang through the Fall & Winter.

The first of the year a small station class was held, the women reading, committing hymns and Bible verses. During the Summer the work in Li Man was very encouraging and much enjoyed by those partaking in it. Thanks are due to Dr. Alford of Fen Chow Fu station for sending his helper to open an opium refuge for women. The patients were taught daily in the catechism and hymn book, regular Sunday Services were held and occasional week day meetings. Near the end of the month a lantern exhibition

given by Mr. Williams afforded them much pleasure. Many outsiders were present and all proved very quick at recognizing the pictures. The tone in which one woman exclaimed "Why that's a donkey" was very refreshing.

The women in the hospital were also taught as far as possible though this work was less satisfactory from the shortness of their stay. But the medical work is a great help in opening villages. The last mentioned village of Pu Tai Chuang was a direct result of hospital work. Could all the patients be followed to their homes much more might be done. It is hoped that this line of work can be fully carried on ~~this year~~ during this coming year.

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us. The influence of the mother in the home is necessarily great and while the women are devoid of resource and eager for novelty, when they are aroused to opposition they are most bitter enemies. How important that they be won to friendship and a love for the Great Master!

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Louise Partridge.

Rec'd June 30, 1896.

REPORT OF COM. ON ESTIMATES.

T'aiku Station, Salaries : Williams 1000, Clapp, 950, Hall 1100, Bird 500, Partridge 500.
Med. Work 300, Repairs 250, Rent 100, Chapel 50, School 350, Touring 50, Incidentals 75.

Fen Cho Fu Station, Salaries : Price 1100, Atwood 1200, Atwater 1050. Chapels 40, Repairs 100, School 350, Medicines 300 Med. Helper 60, Out stationat Ch'ing Yuan 45, Touring 50, Incidentals 75.

Jen Ts'un Station, Salaries: Davis 1000, Thompson (wil be home on furlo) Rent 40, Touring 20, Chapel 30, Repairs 100, School 50.

Teachers : Price 50, Atwood 35, Davis 45, Atwater 50, Williams 50, Hall 50, Bird 25, Partridge 50.

Totals, Salaries : ~~8300~~ (1), Teachers 355, T'aiku Work 1175, F.C.Fu Work ~~1065~~ (2), Jen Ts'un Work 240. Grand Total : ~~11,135.~~ 11190

Respectfully submitted,

I. J. Atwood,
G. L. Williams,
J. B. Thompson.

(1) 7400

(2) 1020

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School 50.
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I. J. Atwood,
G. L. Williams,
J. B. Thompson.

Rec'd June 19-1896

Report of the Treasurer of the Shansi Mission for the year ending Dec. 31st 1895

The year 1895 has been an eventful one for this Mission in one respect and that is in a general deficiency in Appropriations. As was pointed out in my Report for last year, a large deficiency in 1895 was certain unless considerable retrenchment was inaugerated. As Pres. Cleveland remarked we are now confronted by a condition instead of a theory. The year has been marked as the year 1894 was by a very high rate of Gold Exchange but with one marked difference, that while the year 1894 was marked by a high and rising market for Gold, the past year has been marked by a gradually falling market, and a corresponding rise in the value of copper cash. The highest sale on reckord was Mar. 10th 1895 viz $1401.25 for $1000.00 but the last rate in 1895 was $1297.50. Now in 1894 the first sale was $1393.75 and the last one was $1387.50. The average rate of cash to the Taiku tael has declined in the other direction. In 1894 a Taiku tael has declined

in the other direction. In 1894 a Peiku tael bought 1503 while in 1895 a Peiku tael only exchanged for 1397 cash. The prospect is good that the same process will continue because the last Bill sold in Pientsin only brought $1242.50 and that amount only on condition that we guarantee the Bank against loss.

The total Appropriations for 1895 were $1000.00 divided as follows: Salaries $850.00 Teachers $490.00; Work $1010.00. In accordance with a vote of the Mission on your Treas. recommendation the amounts appropriated for Teachers & Work were bumped together. By this means the sum of $1500.00 was all available for Work and Teachers. As was anticipated this amount proved too small. The total amount for Work returned by members on their statements was $1974.72 divided as follows: Teachers $263.25, Touring $75.69, Chapels $85.82, Education $658.69, Repairs $280.00, Medicine $421.04, Sundries $182.23 The Appropriations for 1896 are now at hand and with the reduction of Salaries and change of allowance for children based on their ages, after correcting clerical errors and adding the amounts necessary by the birth and increased age of

children is $975.00 less than we should have received had there been no change in allowance for children & no cut in salaries. Last year we had $1500.00 available for teachers and work and this year we shall have a total of $2079.00 including $75.00 for Misses Bird and Partridge the surplus of which cannot be applied to others for teachers and work. But as I have stated above $975.00 has been cut in salaries and allowances for children, and only $579.00 has been added for work, making a net deficiency of $396.00; which added to the deficiency of 1895 makes a total of $870.72 unless there is retrenchment somewhere. We may hope that the cut in Salaries is temporary and that returning prosperity in the U. S. will again fill the coffers of the Board. But the change in Children's allowances is a fact that remaineth except for the growing age of the children and the consequent increase of allowance.

Whereas it is contrary to the rules of the Board to expend more on the Mission field than is appropriated by the Prud. Com. of the Board for the support of the Mission for the current year, and

all expenditures over and above the Appropriation cannot be charged to the Board, your Treasurer would,

Recommend That each and every member of the Shansi Mission be a Com. of one to retrench in all departments of the Work under their direction to the amount appropriated by the Board if possible.

Whereas the deficiency for 1895 with a total app. of $10000.00 was $474.72 and this year the total app. are $9.00 less than last year and there is a strong probability that there will be a deficiency in the present year therefore your Treasurer would

Recommend, That the Treasurer at the Dec. settlement find by inspection the ratio of deficiency, if there be any, and in case there is, that he be hereby instructed to charge back to each person reporting expenditures their proportionate share of the deficiency, with the exception of the Appr. for Teachers for Miss Bird & Miss Partridge.

Thanking the members for their sympathy and patiency, Respectfully submitted,

P. W. Davis,
Mission Treasurer.

Rec'd June 30, 1896.

Report of the Mission Depositary in account with the American Bible Society for 1895.

	Bibles	Testaments	Portions	Total	Value
iken.					
old	1	40	75	116	$10.84
tock	1	63	1664	1728	14.69
cho-fu					
old		86		86	12.60
tock		12	877	889	9.01
ission					
old	1	126	75	202	23.44
tock	1	75	2541	2616	24.00

The American Bible Society
In acct. with G. L. Williams

		Dr.	Cr.
95			
n 1.	To last Balance	75.15	
ec. 31	By sales during 1895		23.44
" 31	" Balance to new account		51.71
		75.15	75.15

Respectfully submitted
G. L. Williams, Depositary

American Bible Soc'y

for 1895—

Rec'd June 30, 1896.

Penchowfu, Station Report for 1896.

During the year 1896 two families of the three in this station were called to pass through great affliction. In February, Rev. & Mrs. C. B. Price, while taking a trip to the South of the Province for recreation, suddenly discovered that their son Stuart was suffering from a wellnigh incurable disease. How long he might live it was impossible to say, but by the advice of several physicians they decided upon an immediate return to America, trusting that life at a lower altitude would bring some relief.

On Nov. 25th Mrs. Jennie S. Atwater, a devoted wife and mother, and one who rejoiced in the privilege of the life of a missionary, was suddenly called to be with Christ, leaving her husband and children to the care of Him whose we are and whom we serve.

But the Gospel has borne fruit at Penchowfu in the midst of our trials.

In February, during Chinese New Years, a two weeks meeting of Church members and probationers was arranged for. Invitations were sent out to all, and in response to this 14 Church members and 27 probationers spent a profitable season in Bible Study. Meetings were held morning, afternoon and evening. Those who could not read were taught Characters. Those who could read committed portions of the Scripture to memory. There were song services, Bible Study & preaching. At the Close of these meetings four of those who had been on probation were baptized. These four made a strong testimony of their faith and we trust that they will go on to know the Lord.

During the year twenty nine men have been received on probation. The noticable lack of women shows where our work is weak. From this number we expect a good number to show themselves worthy of baptism.

On March 16th, two weeks after the Close of these meetings, Rev. C. W. Price

and family started on their return journey. The boys' boarding school was left in charge of Mr. Atwater and was carried on until the close of the school year along the lines that Mr. Price had established. At the end of that time it did not seem advisable, owing to the scarcity of both money and workers to carry it on longer in Mr. Price's absence and the school was not opened in the fall. There had been an average attendance of thirty for some time.

The court left vacant upon the closing of the school has since been set apart for refuge work and has somewhat relieved the pressure of insufficient accommodations of the medical work, a device which can only be temporary and will make the lack of room only the more noticable at some future time.

Work among the opium patients still seems to yield the most results as nearly or quite all of the 29 received on probation during the year, were gotten from them.

During the year we must record the addition of one three chien building in the

hospital court to be used as a waiting room for the clinic patients. This has been greatly needed for some time and will prove a substantial addition to this work.

The station also received a grant of $500.00 from the Prudential Committee to purchase land and erect a domestic chapel. This amount has been secured to the station by the purchase of timbers to be used in the building although the owners do not seem quite ready to sell at a reasonable figure. The present room where services are held is now too small to accommodate any but men. The women have been lately almost entirely crowded out. This we may now hope to see remedied though it may be some time yet before the land can be purchased.

Although not so much work was done during 1896 as in the previous year at the various fairs, yet this means of reaching the people was not entirely neglected. Opium tracts were distributed at several fairs. At the large fair held at Fien chou fu in the fall, during the time of the examinations for Hsiu Ts'ai, a room was rented on the main

street and a book stall opened. In a few days more than 10 tiao worth of books was sold. A large part of this amount came from the sale of the Review of the Times published at Shanghai but gospels, kantzu chings and other books were sold in good numbers. Altogether it was a gratifying experience and brought us into contact with many whom we may hope to reach again.

In church work there was a decided advance made in two directions, in the contributions and in the memorizing of scripture. It was decided to adopt a method of collections recommended in the North China Herald. Each man's name whether church member or probationer is written on one side of a bamboo slip with the name of his village upon the other. Through a hole in the end of the slip a string is tied. Each one having any contribution to make ties his cash upon the string and puts it into the basket as the collection is taken up. At the close of the service each one's contribution is counted and the amount is entered in a cash book on the page under

his name, with the date on which it was made. At the close of the year each one's contribution was reckoned up. In the five months since the method was adopted there was a total of about 5000 cash contributed in this way by the church members & probationers alone, while the total contributions made by the Chinese during the year was about 20000 cash. We trust that during the coming year there will be a still further advance made by the use of this means of accurate record.

In default of a Sunday School, it seemed best to begin a regular course of Sunday lessons to be committed to memory and recited at the hour before the morning service by all who so desired and after a short explanation and questions upon the meaning to be preached upon as the subject of the regular Sunday Morning service. The book selected was Mark. Some have committed & recited the entire portion of seven chapters so far studied. Others have recited only a few times. It is hoped to keep a record during the coming year of each one's progress in this very important work. Those who are

not far enough advanced will be given an opportunity to recite the Chen li wen ta or the San tzu ching. It is hoped that good will be accomplished in this way.

Respectfully submitted,
E. R. Atwater.

for the year 1898
Station report —
1898.

Rec'd Appr. 26, 1899.

Medical Report of Fen Chu fu Hospital for 1896.

The number of dispensary treatments	3766
" " " in-patients	70
" " " Opium patients	100
Total	3936

No. of surgical operations 20
Of these 10 were eye operations.
One tumour was removed from the upper eye-lid of a woman 45 years of age. The tumour weighed nearly 2 ounces and by its weight had nearly ruined the vision of the eye. She had attempted suicide three times on account of the pain and the shame and mortification of such disfigurement.

Another tumour was removed from the sole of the foot of a woman evidently caused by the irritation of the toes which are turned under the bottom of the feet when the feet are broken in to the bandage. The saying "It never rains but it pours" was well illustrated in the number of women and girls who came about this time to have their feet treated. Some had had their feet frozen, others had ulcers from chafing and

irritation and still others had sinuses extending into the ankle joints and other articulations of the foot.

During the year we have treated in the hospital 3 cases of fracture. Two of these were compound comminuted fracture of both bones of the leg - one case a boy of 12 yr. the other a man of 35 yr. of age - and both caused by being run over by a loaded cart. Both cases turned out well. The other case of fracture was of a soldier who was thrown from his horse breaking the ulna of the left arm at the middle third. This case also resulted well.

The dispensary has witnessed the usual number of "wounds bruises and putrifying sores" as well as burns and scalds. One poor woman who left her room for a few minutes to go out into the court returned to find that her babe had rolled from the kang on to the stove and its head lay in a kettle of boiling water. Part of the scalp sloughed away showing the external table of the skull but in time this was all replaced by granulations.

We have also treated the usual number of suicide cases. Emetic doses of ipecac have been

left at important towns in the hands of responsible men to be used in case of emergency. The number of lives saved in this way can not be reported accurately; but the number probably amounts to several score.

One peculiar case came to our notice that seems worthy of special mention on account of its rarity in our experience. On the afternoon of Sun. Aug 3rd while we were at our summer resort at the little mountain stream one of our church members came to see me about the case of a nephew who he said was raving about the court of his home in an unaccountable manner. I went with him to the village, about 7 li away, and found a crowd of people gathered about the court where the young man was. He seemed under a high nervous tension and with a wicked looking leer on his countenance was singing extemporized vile verse in a high screeching tone to the great amusement of the crowd. The "foreign devil" came in for a notice as he arrived, the extra burst of applause indicating that he had made quite a "hit". The scene was not unlike a theatrical performance. A short conference with the uncle and parents developed the facts that the

that the boy was known as a quiet fellow always obedient to his parents - this of rather taciturn disposition. He had never before manifested any such tendency to such attacks. The whole aspect of the case was different from anything we had before seen but suggested strongly the Scripture cases of possession by evil spirits. Following this thought the uncle and I went out into the court and prayed over the young man asking that God wd cast out the evil spirit after which we commanded it, in the name of Jesus Christ to leave. The reply came, "Will leave after you have eaten watermelon with me". So we took some melon and ate with the lad. He soon began the silly song again when we took him by the arm and shaking him severely asked in a stern voice "When do you intend to depart?" "Tonight at 10 o'clock," was the answer. "Very well" said we, "you are to remember that the Jesus Church will not tolerate such goings on." The case was described to a little circle of missionaries in the evening and all engaged in earnest prayer for the young man.

A visit the next day by Mr. Atwater and myself found a very great change.

Physically he was too weak to sit up or speak above a

a whisper; but he was quiet and in his right mind. Our moving into the city and other matters prevented our seeing him again for several weeks. We heard, however, that he had had other attacks; but in Oct. and Nov. he was at our place in the city for several weeks, a quiet well behaved young man. He seemed pleased to be with Christian people and was reluctant to return home. We have refrained from expressing any theory in regard to the case but give the facts as simply as possible.

The opium work has undergone some change this year. The school court being temporarily vacant this year, on account of Mr. Price's absence in the United States, was used as an opium refuge. There being a convenient kitchen and a cook already at hand it was decided to board the patients and so provide them the most digestable (or least indigestable) that is possible. The patients have been required to pay a months board in advance and this has resulted in securing a longer stay of the patients with us after their distress is over and probably confirming them in their reform in some cases by helping them to get

an intelligent idea of the Truth.
Mr. Atwater has done good work with them along the line of expounding the Scriptures to them at the daily morning service.
During the last quarter of the year daily evening meetings for Gospel song and preaching has been held from half past seven to half past nine o'clock. Attendance has been required at both these meetings of all patients able to be out of their rooms.

The hospital patients have attended morning service in the waiting room conducted by the physician in charge. In the evenings they joined the meetings in the opium refuge.

The number of ~~in~~ patients is fewer than last year owing, probably, to an effort on the part of the "litterati" to decry our work and, if possible, destroy it. We have heard for the first time in the history of the work here the idle stories so common in other places, about foreigners cutting people up &c. The attendance at the Wed. and Sat. clinics has also perceptably diminished during the last half of the year.

One small but useful building has been added to the hospital work to be used as a woman's dis-

pensary and waiting room. The $65. given by friends and voted to the women's work here was used to begin the rooms which were finished in Nov. at a cost of $145.14 leaving a Bal. still unprovided for of $80.14

Besides this deficit we still lack funds to build a separate court for a woman's hospital. The work is in crying need still for such a ward where women can be received separately from the men.

We shall also need a separate court for the opium work when the school-court is required to reopen the school.

We are thankfull to be able to report that the work of the year has not been without marks of the Divine approval in the apparent fruits of the Spirit for which we so long and pray and without which our efforts would seem to us wellnigh wasted.

Quite a number of the opium patients have asked to have their names taken on probation and many others have been impressed with Christian truth and these impressions they have taken with them to their homes and villages. The results of the casting forth of this seed

we are not anxious about but willingly leave with Him who only can change the heart of man. We are glad of the opportunity granted of being instrumental in his hands and of being of some use in his service.

Respectfully submitted
S. J. Atwood.

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Report of Jen B'un Station for 1896.

The work of this station has been carried on as usual. On Sunday two preaching services for men have been held in the Chapel. There have also been two services held for women conducted by Mrs. Tsui & Mrs. Davis. The services for men have been poorly attended few but servants being present. The services for women have been more encouraging owing to the fact that all or nearly all the attendants were pupils in the girls school or outsiders not under the inducement of receiving some benefit other than spiritual help from the services.

Touring to contiguous villages within a radius of 20 li has been carried on to some extent with street preaching & tract distribution. Mrs. Davis has also made 17 visits to the homes of famalies in Jen Bun.

The year has been marked by no great events either good or bad. Work in the villages has on the whole met with a better reception than during the year previous. A better acquaintance with the people allays prejudice and once prejudice is overcome half the battle for the acceptance of the gospel is won.

Socially the year has been a very pleasant one at Jen Psun. During the Summer we enjoyed the pleasure of having Mr. & Mrs Clapp and Miss Bird with us and since they left Miss Partridge has made her head quarters at Jen Psun.

On the whole, although this is the day of small things and many discouragements at Jen Psun, we thank God and take courage that in the future we shall reap if we faint not.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. Davis.

Report of Girls' School, Jên-ts'un
for year 1896.
Lydia Lord Davis, Teacher

First Term

Of the fourteen pupils on the roll this term, ten have been present the greater part of the time, while four have only remained for a short time. One left because her husband was discharged from our employ. She was a bright-winning young woman of nineteen, and it was to be regretted that her month & a half of schooling could not have been lengthened.

The small pupil was here a month & a half while her mother was away from home. She is really too young to be in school but will doubtless be reading when she is a little older. The granddaughter of the matron, a bright girl of eleven was here a month.

This term I have had two geography classes. Two girls have been the advanced class, and three in the

beginning class.
They have had for their reading the books of Henry & Guenn which they have enjoyed very much.
A class of eight in Arithmetic has been started, which was full of interest. I am only sorry that I did not begin it long ago
They have learned several new hymns.
For morning prayers have read The Peep of Day, and separate scripture verses have been explained to them.
It has been a great pleasure to teach the girls

The term began. 2 moon - 1 day
closed 5 moon - 1 day

Total expenses charged to the Board $440.9
Average for food. per pupil, per mo 982 cu
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Second Term

This the second term began the first of the 8th moon, & closed the ~~last~~ first of the last moon. There were on the roll eleven names, three of whom were boarders, the others being women & children on the place.

Miss Partridge has very kindly taught the school through the whole term. This has been a great deal for her to do, in addition to her woman's work & other cares, and while I regret that it has been so much, I can but thank her most heartily for thus carrying on the school.

She has also kindly consented to teach the girls until Mrs Thompson returns in the Autumn.

All have been faithful in their studies, the Chia girls especially have been very interested in their studies.

The blind girl has now gone to the School for the Blind in Peking.

The cook's wife is enjoying the study

and her children have improved a great deal since coming here a year & a half ago. due largely, we are sure, to the Christian influence of Ts'ui Chiao yo & family. There is a family (the con
receiving the benefits of the Gospel, but as yet giving no evidence that they believe the truth. Ts'ui Chiao's children, two of whom are in the school are good, faithful workers.
The school has been a benefit also to the wife & child of Miss Partridge's teacher. She is a woman who seems to have the root of the matter in her, & is eager to learn that she may impart to others. She has greatly enjoyed the teaching. Wang cheng sao, the wife of Dr Hall's native helper was in the school out here for so short a time as to scarcely be called a pupil
For morning prayers they have committed Scripture verses, which Miss Partridge has taught & explained to them, also hymns.
For their reading class they have had Guenn & Peep of Day & Christie's Old Organ
The beginning Geography Class has been most interesting, opening to them

such a new line of thought.
Miss Partridge prepared the Christmas program with great care in which all on the place took part. This, with a tree, gave them a very enjoyable evening.
The cost of the school charged to the Board for the year, is $76.35
Average per pupil per mo for food
1,002 Cash = 59 cts gold

Report of Jên Tsi'un
Girls School
for
1896,

Annual Report of the Evangelistic Work of Paikw station for 1896.

The prospect for work at the beginning of the year
ut look along the established lines of activity was rather better than
usual. A full staff of workers was on hand. Mrs. Clapp &
Miss Bird were eagerly looking forward to a year of hard work
in the school. Miss Partridge was enthusiastically entering
upon woman's work in the villages where there were openings
for it. Dr. Hall was preparing for a vigorous campaign in
the Li Man district & it had been decided to reopen opium
refuge work in the city which had been suspended during
the absence of some of the workers on furlough. Altogether
the outlook was most hopeful.

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eetings
The work began with a series of revival meetings
held nightly in the Paikw Chapel commencing with the week of
prayer. Tho the congregations were mostly made up of opium
patients & students yet a good many outsiders attended
the meetings.

The Holy Spirit seemed to be present with us and the
Christians were considerably awakened & revived. Some of
the students were converted & a number of the opium patients
put away their idols & expressed a desire to be saved. Some
of these were afterwards taken on probation, most of whom
have given evidence of sincerity.

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rvices
Sabbath services have been kept up regularly in the
following places: Paikw, Pung Fang, & Ch'e Wang. In all

there the services have been fairly well attended throughout the year. In the city a larger number of outsiders than usual have been present at the services - the Chapel being well filled usually & sometimes crowded, except during the summer.

A Sunday School has been kept up through the year except during the summer vacation. We have used the Sunday School quarterlies published by the North China Tract Society with good effect.

Mr. Clapp, Mr. Williams & Mr. LIU (N.B. This name is always misspelled in our printed reports. Sec.) have alternated in conducting the services at these various places. Mr Liu (LIU) has been very efficient & faithful in all this work & we shall feel it a great loss to do without him. Mrs L. He has constantly grown in grace & spiritual power & his preaching always claims the closest attention of all who hear him. We are increasingly grateful that God has raised up such a man in our midst.

Owing to our practice of keeping our probationers on that list a long time (most of them a year) before baptizing we had no baptisms during the year but twenty persons were received on probation. Some of these will be baptized early this year probably. As most of these were either school boys or opium patients a long delay seems necessary. Most of the Church

members have shown growth in Christian Character & grace.

We have been pleased to note that Mr. Wang, the matseller has of his own accord closed his shop doors on the Sabbath & does not allow his hired men to go out to the villages selling mats on that day. He has recently reported that he has sold just as many mats per month since he began to observe the day as before & says he could not be induced to go back to the old way of selling seven days in the week. He has three assistants and they all attend church services regularly, the four of them taking turns in staying in the shop while the rest attend church. All three of these hired men have this winter expressed a desire to be Christians & one has recently been received on probation & we hope the others will be after a little more instruction.

Sabbath

servants

Some minor cases of persecution have occurred.

Mr. Wang, the mat merchant just referred to, was once arrested & taken to the Ya men & chained up like a criminal for refusing to furnish mats for a special theater ordered by the magistrate. Mr Iu went at once to the office to inquire into the matter. He shewed the "men shang" who ordered his arrest that he was acting contrary to Imperial orders as well as disregarding the treaty with foreign powers in proceeding thus & Mr. Wang was released immediately.

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Mr. Wang

In the autumn old Mr. Wu who lives in Ch'eng

Mr. Wu

Chia Chuang, 2 miles west of the city lost nearly all an acre of his best grain because he had refused to pay the Temple dues. The theft was committed at the instigation of the village elders, who apparently thot that the old man would have no means of redress. The matter was referred to the magistrate and the village officers were required to pay the old man for the stolen grain & at the same time the land tax & temple tax was divided & notice given that here after Xns should not be asked to pay the latter. It is probable that the land tax was fixed higher than the usual rate but we feel that an important principle was established of non-interference with Xns on that ground.

The Opium Refuge work in Taikw has been carried on as steadily as circumstances allowed. It began with the first of the year & with two intermissions of a few weeks each was kept going till the middle of June. Closing then for the summer, we reopened about the middle of Sept. & continued until the close of the year overlapping a few days into the new year. During this time 115 patients were received, 20 of whom were women. Most of these were successfully treated, tho two left before the treatment was completed & some others are known to have gone back to the habit as soon as they left or not long after.

Opium Refuge Work Taikw

All these persons have been given thorough systematic instruction in Xn doctrine in daily classes, besides

the morning worship which was rather protracted for their sake. Besides this considerable work was done with these persons personally both by Mr Lin & the foreigners on the compound. Many of these have been impressed by the kindness shown them & we hope also by the truth. Quite a number expressed a determination to put away their idols & publically asked prayers for themselves & we know that some have put their idols out of the house. Some of these walk several miles every Sabbath to attend worship which is a hopeful indication. It is too early yet to tell how many of these have been permanently reclaimed or how many have been actually saved but we believe that a sufficient number have been redeemed to encourage us to persevere in this work. As brother Wang Chung said "It will pay if not more than 10 out of 100 are really rescued."

A careful & accurate account was kept of all receipts & expenses connected with this work with the following results.

Amt. of medicines purchased (exclusive of those furnished by Dr. Hall)		$65.00
Fees received from patients	137 815 cash	
Total running expenses	101 064 "	
Amt to apply on cost of medicines	36 751 =	$21.47
Balance		43.53

a part of this expense for medicine however was for the Ch'ing yüan work, so the Paikn refuge was very nearly self supporting & can be made entirely so another year. This is the nearest approach to self support in mission work which the writer has been able to reach during his term of service so far.

In the Paikn district there are six villages where regular work has been done by members of this station. These are Li Man, Che Wang, Pung Pang, Yao P'ung, Su tai Chuang, Nan Chang P'un. In a few others occasional visits have been made. In the first of these Mr. Hall has been in charge & will report it himself. Two others, Yao P'un & Su tai Chuang, were visited regularly only by Miss Partridge & this work she will describe in her report on woman's work, as well as what work has been done along this line in other villages. In two of these places Che Wang & Pung Pang the resident ens & adherents have furnished chapels free of cost to the mission & in the other places the services were held in private houses & hence of course without charge. We were invited to hold service regularly in Nan Chang P'un by an ex opium patient, the father of three sons who were treated here gladly opening his house for the purpose. It being impossible to visit this vil-

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lage on the Sabbath without interfering with the other work, weekly visits were made on Wednesday & always a large number were present & gave the best of attention. The audiences averaged over 60 adults besides many children. In all these places the congregations have been good.

At the beginning of the year by Dr. Atwood's request Paiku Station assumed the direction of the work in Ch'ing Yüen district and with the exception of two or three months in the summer, regular visits were made to that part of the field, either monthly or bimonthly. Before the beginning of summer it became apparent that the day school there had about run its course but efforts were made to keep it going for a time longer but were unsuccessful & the school was closed for the summer at least. In the fall vigorous efforts were again made to resuscitate it, but to no purpose. Meantime there was a loud call for us to start an opium refuge on the school premises in the west suburb of the city & after careful prayer & consideration & considerable hesitation we decided to do so. It was not however till the last of the 9th moon, that the people who wanted the refuge started were ready for it. We opened up about that time with the former school teacher Mr. T'u in charge & another man to assist. Mr. Clapp spent a few weeks there at first getting this work started. With that except-

ion and another week's stay later on & occasional visits since Mr. Tu has carried the work forward successfully & well. 26 patients have been treated there & those we have seen since they left the refuge show by their appearance that they are thoroughly reformed. One a lad of 18, who had taken opium from a babe, left without completing the treatment & another young man got frightened after one night at the Refuge & left & has since died.

Early in the year a village 12 li from Ch'ing Yüen city was opened to the regular preaching of the gospel in the house of a Mr. Wang who had broken off opium & become somewhat interested in the truth in the C. I. M. refuge in Hsü Kou. Since then Sunday services were held there, except during a couple of months in the summer, throughout the year. Mr. Tu going there from Ch'ing Yüen for the purpose. Several visits have been made there also by Messrs Clapp & Williams.

During Mr. Clapp's stay in the Ch'ing Yüen Refuge he visited a good number of villages in that locality & was generally well received. Tho not many books were sold, a good many opportunities for preaching & conversation were offered & we hope some good seed sown. During the year Mr. Tu made a number of visits to the villages about the city & faithfully preached the gospel in them.

The Catholics are very strong in this district & have two large fine churches & one monastery & hence a vigorous effort to push our work there would probably meet with determined opposition from them.

No long tours have been made by any members of the station but Mr. Clapp made a short trip up into the mountains south east of this city in the early part of August last. He went with Brother Liang one of our church members in Ch'e Wang whose home is in that region. He was only gone ten days, seven of which were consumed in going & coming, so the time spent there was short. The region is practically untouched with the Gospel & offers a fine field to the one who will enter it. Mr. Williams & Mr. Clapp plan to make some more extended tours there this year. There was a loud call in all quarters for an opium refuge in that locality & it is planned to start one there as soon as reliable assistants can be found & trained to take charge of the work.

The people there seem willing to listen to the gospel & the missionary would find a warm welcome, I feel sure. One thing was noticed & that was there was very little vicious reviling. While many of them had never seen a foreigner before & were very curious, they were well disposed & respectful.

It is probable that unless we occupy this part of our field at once, it will be occupied by another

mission in the near future & thus our already narrow territory will be considerably contracted.

The reports of womans work & school work will be given separately but it is in place here to say that each of these have been pushed as earnestly & persistently as was possible under the circumstances & with a fair degree of success. Our friends & patrons have increased & we seem to be on the era of an advance all along the line. A pleasing incident in connection with our school work is that a certain Y.P.S.C.E. & S.S. in New York state have contributed $50. towards the support of the teacher Mr. Lin, shewing that we have friends in America as well as here. But for this timely gift the school would probably have run behind its allowance, an event thus happily avoided.

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Tho the year began with considerable anxiety on account of reduced appropriations, we are happy to report that owing to the fin generosity of the members, the evangelistic part of the work has not suffered serious on account of retrenchments. But of course this state of things cannot be continued without great detriment & loss of efficiency & strength.

Efforts to secure premises outside the city suitable to all concerned have thus far proved unsuccessful, but we still believe that our prayers for this object may be answered in His own good time & way.

No one has been removed from the station during the year, tho we have been called to mourn with one of our sister stations the loss by death of one its best & most promising members. In the death of Mrs. Atwater Paikes station feels that the mission has lost a valuable associate as well as a beloved sister & friend. But our loss is her infinite gain and so we are comforted.

In concluding our report we desire to express our profound gratitude to God for the degree of success which has attended our labors & we trust the future which seems so full of promise now will see the realization of our hopes for the establishment & spread of the Kingdom of God in our midst. For this we pray & wait.

Respectfully submitted for the Station.

D. H. Clapp.

for the year
Rec'd Apr. 26, 1897.

Report of the Tai-Ku School A.D. 1896

The Taiku School was in session eight months during the past year, - the school year having been shortened 1 month, on account of deficient funds. The whole number of pupils enrolled during the year was 36 - the limit of the capacity of our courts.
The applications for new pupils the last term were all rejected, on account of the small appropriations. The number of pupils enrolled during the last term, of five months, was 29. The regularity in attendance, shows a long step in advance from the early years, when, village fairs, theaters, feast-days, ancestral worship days, were almost sure to be accompanied by requests from the parents for the boys' presence at home - boy indisposed, sickness in the family, wedding, death, old clothes to be patched, or exchanged for new ones - subterfuges innumerable with

which the Chinese mind is fertile.
Owing somewhat to the fact that no new pupils have been admitted, and the dropping of some undesirable ones, the classification has been better, and the pupils generally, have shown marked interest & diligence in their work.
The studies pursued have been much the same as in the previous years, with an advance, perhaps, of one or two branches. The course thus far includes "Three Character Classics", Catechism, Important words of Scripture, Four Gospels, Acts, Romans, and selections from Psalms, committed to memory.
Reading - Peep of Day, New Testament History, Old Testament History, Catechism on the Three Religions - Martyrs Evidences - Also Mental & Practical Arithmetic - Primary Geography. Chapin's Geography - The Chinese work has been left to the discretion

of their Chinese teacher, whom we know to be a consecrated christian, and who has the spiritual welfare of the boys as deeply at heart, as have the missionaries. One boy who has accomplished the above work creditably in this school, is being supported by private friends in the Ting Chou school this year. Another pupil who has been in the school seven years, will have finished the schedule of work given above, in another year.

Although the religious life in the school has not reached the highest idial, yet there is evidence of christian growth. Nearly all the boys have expressed a desire to be christians. Eleven boys are either church members or on probation. These have formed a Christian Endeavor Society, in which they have taken a lively interest thus far, and we hope it may be a means of christian growth.

Rec'd Apr. 26, 1897.

Liman, Shansi, China.

Report

Hospital and Dispensary,

Jan. to June, '97.

	Dispensary.	99	
mber patients,	January,	31	185
	February,		283
	March,		481
	April,		527
	May,		476
	June,	84	132
	Opium refuge,	57	130
			2214

tal number first visits registered		99	2214
" return visits for treatment		31	643
" visits to hospital,			2857
ildren, with parents, etc.,	not under treatment		64
ttendants			58
umber of cities and villages from which patients come			393
			129

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meral, - Male Receipts.	1376	U.S. Gold.	
opium - Female gts from patients, etc	708	$94.37	
pium, al - Male friends,	99	20.00	
wance, - Female can Board,	31	100.80	
		2214	

Expenditures.

Hospital.

angelists, Chapel, Teachers, Assistants,			
eneral, - Males and Medical supplies,	84	289.61	
- Female	57	89.61	215.17
pium, - Male	99		74.44
- Female	31	80.61	289.61
			271
ildren, with parents, etc., not under treatment			64
ttendants			58
Total,			393

Balance due me

W. L. Hall.

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Finance.

Sinan, Shansi, China.

June 30th

Receipts.	U.S. Gold.
From opium fees, gifts from patients, etc.,	$94.37
From special gifts, friends,	20.00
Allowance, American Board,	100.80

Expenditures.		
Evangelists, Chapel, Touring, Fuel, Assistants, Gateman, Repairs and Medical supplies,	$289.61	
	289.61	215.17
Balance due me		74.44
	$289.61	~~289.61~~

Respectfully

W. L. Hall.

June 30th 1897.

Siman, Shansi, China.
June 30th 1897.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.

My dear Dr. Smith:—

I present you, herewith, a report for the first half of this year. Of this record I am not ashamed. Not long ago one of the evangelists said, while conducting worship, "why do you come to this hospital?" The answer came at once from a number of patients "we came to be healed of our diseases." "No! God sent you here to hear the gospel" returned the speaker. It is thus we feel, thro and thro — the Lord is sending the people. We want every person who comes to us here to have a good opinion of the doctrine when he shall return to his home.

Smith, will you please refer to page 3 of my report again. Please notice the next sixth "Receipts $94.37 + $20.00 = $114.37 shall
Allowances, A.B.C.F.M. $100.80 "take
find a difference = $13.57 plea".
you allow me enough to place me
on the first time in the history of this work
the receipts on the field are more than
the allowance made by the Board.
This $13.57 should show, beyond a shadow of
doubt, our progress — it should also
be a mighty argument in favor of
our future support. I have already
ordered something like $100 worth of supplies;
the last bill of drugs from Boston (Cod-
liver Oil etc about $50) is not included in
this statement. This bill will appear
in my semi-annual statement from
Mission Treasurer for six months end-
ing today. I go into detail so you
may understand just what the work

will require. I have from the Board it-
00.80 for every thing for the next six
months. Before this report shall
reach you some action will be taken
on my former report and "plea".
If you allow me enough to place me
quite at the end of 1897 and will
grant me three hundred ($300) dollars
for 1898 (for every part of the medical
work) I will promise to reduce the
amount total year by year. I am
not doing any wild figuring or
guessing at it — I am praying
and planning. My wish is to make
this medical work self-supporting —
my hope is to see the free and gifts
from patients increase year by year.
I am now formulating a method
by means of which I hope to receive
more help from the people who are
directly benefitted by coming to us.

Report of Woman's Work of Pu Tai Station for 1896.

closed the hospital, as I have written, the first of June. The report will show that some are coming my way. I will do as little work as possible during July so I will be ready for more work when I open first of August.

The Lord is gracious and merciful towards us. We have many evidences of His love and goodness. We are happy.

Very Truly Yours

W. L. Hall

Report of Woman's Work of Tai An Station for 1896.

This branch of the work shows a decided increase and is at present most encouraging.

Four old villages, Chi Wang, Li man, Kuai Jen and Pu Tai Chuang have been on our list and three new villages have been opened, namely, Tun Fang, Sao Tsun and Wang Ke

In all one hundred and six visits for systematic teaching have been paid to eight villages and over fifty calls have been made in these villages at other houses than those regularly visited. The city is but little open for work but eight calls have been made within its limits.

Sunday services for women were conducted at Chi Wang and Li man and a few times at Pu Tai Chuang besides more or less teaching on week days. The other villages were visited only during the week.

One village Ch'ing Chia Chuang has been dropped owing to the death of the woman at whose house visits were paid. She was a dear, old lady with white hair and pleasant face, tho very dull, according to our view. But she died, as we believe, full of trust in her Savior, and the Lord, who seeth not as man sees, has rewarded

her according to her faith.
There had been no idols in the house for over two years and the husband, a church member in good standing, asked that she be given a Christian burial but he was not allowed by the family to follow his own wishes. This village has been in charge of Miss Bird. She was not at home at this time but Mr. Clapp called upon them just before the old lady's death, prayed with her, and was much pleased with her testimony. She was quite willing to die, and confident of her future.
As no other home was open, visits to Ch'ing Chia Chuang were discontinued.

But while this village closed, another one, Tam Fang was opening for Miss Bird, so that she has usually visited a village a week in addition to her school work.
Tam Fang was opened thro the opium refuge in Tai Ku and has been most interesting and progressive from the first. Many women have gathered to listen and one woman and two girls have done excellent work in reading books.
Several women have come from there to break off opium thus gaining by a month's stay a knowledge of the

doctrine and the foreigners which cannot fail to greatly influence public sentiment in our favor.

Yao T'sun is the home of a church member and it is at his house that visits have been paid. His wife was bitterly opposed to the doctrine but tolerated the visits and appeared to enjoy gossiping with the neighbors who came to hear. The husband has been so anxious for her and thanked the Lord in church prayer meeting that his wife was being taught and besought that her heart might be softened and enlightened. Her attitude has changed slightly. Those most interested in this village are boys from eight to fourteen who come for the singing.

Three women from Wang Ke broke off opium at Li man and becoming interested, begged for instruction at their own home. A few visits were paid them in the fall, but no systematic work had been arranged before the close of the year. The woman who appeared most promising at Li man has remembered all taught her there, but has no one at home to help her.

Perhaps the most change has been noticed in the village of Wenai Jen. At times it seemed almost useless to go there, but the consistent lives

of the Christian men have roused the women from indifference to a growing interest.

Twenty women have been treated for the opium habit in Tai An and regularly taught twice a day by the ladies in the city. This work is in some respects more satisfying than village work since more regular teaching can be done. When the women are at their worst, however, even eating is beyond them, much more listening or reading.

But the meeting of the women in their homes, the sharing in their joys, sorrows and friendships is most necessary and at present the work that beckons invitingly and imperatively.

May the God of strength go with us and enlarge our hearts to meet the demands upon them.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Partridge.

Feb. 1896

Report of the Mission Depositary in account with the American Bible Society for 1896.

	Bibles	Testaments	Portions	Total	Value
Received from Agency	25	254	470	749	$47.95
Sales	3	86	288	377	10.81
Transferred to Tenchowfu	20	146	350	516	21.02
On hand Dec 31st 1896	11	101	1139	1251	34.29

Report of the Mission Depositary in account with the Tract Societies.

	No. of Copies	Value
Recd from agencies	1165	$64.68
Sales	2915	$54.34
On hand Dec 31st 1896	4641	$68.31

The above report is for Taiku only the other stations not reporting.

No regular colporteurs were employed during the year. In a few instances the Depositary has furnished men with books for sale allowing them half the proceeds for their pay. Not enough books were sold to enrich or impoverish either party.

In accordance with suggestions made at the

last annual meeting, I corresponded with the various societies inquiring about grants of books. Only one, the American Bible Society, is ready to make grants & those only of books in native paper & binding.

As librarian of the mission there is nothing to report except the binding & placing in the library of the Missionary Herald for the years 1890 & 1895 inclusive.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo L. Williams

Depositary.

Mission Depositary's Report for the year 1896.

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Treasurer's Report 1896

Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Shansi Mission for the year 1896.

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The year 1896 enjoys with the year 1895 the unpleasant distinction of being the only years in the history of the Shansi Mission when expenditures exceeded the appropriations in toto. The year has been marked by a high rate of exchange for gold which has advanced since the Waterloo of Brianism in the U. S. Barring very unlikely occurrences the high rate of gold bids fair to hold throughout the year 1897. But inasmuch as copper cash is the standard of value in China, the year 1896 has shown like its predecessors a decline in the amount of cash realized for silver bullion. Owing to the slowness of Chinese communication, cash has not advanced as fast as silver has depreciated but its advance has been steady if slow and sooner or later gold & cash will bear about the same relation in value that they did before the drop in silver. In comparison with cash gold declined 8% between 1895 & 1896.

But our chief difficulty is expenditure versus appropriations. From this you will easily remember that in 1896 appropriations were $2004.00 and expenditures were

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were 2294.$\frac{38}{11}$ leaving a total deficiency of 290$\frac{38}{11}$. Of this amount 262\frac{38}{11}$ has been charged back to accounts of individuals & $28.00 to Mr. Wiggin.

Appropriations for 1897 are just in & continue the same sad tale of shortage. If the amounts appropriated for salaries be construed to include the allowance for teachers the net amount for salaries will show a decrease in the allowance for children of 10% over last year while salaries remain at 10% reduction from $950.00 viz $855.00. To this the Woman's Board has made an honorable exception in favor of the two young ladies by appropriating their salaries in full $500.00 for the year. The amount for work is $1304.00 which including the amount from the Woman's Board for their work makes a gross total of $1404.$\frac{50}{11}$ available. The difference in the amount spent in 1896 and the appropriations for 1897 is 890$\frac{38}{11}$ an amount totally beyond the power of the missionaries to carry. A reduction in running expenses of 40% or nearly 1/2 is therefore imperatively necessary.

In conclusion, allow me to wish my successor and the Mission success and prosperity and that he may receive at your hands, the same assistance and charity which you have bestowed upon me during the past seven years.

Respectfully submitted,

F. N. Davis,

Mission Treasurer.

Report of the Committee on Examination of New Members for the year 1896.

Dear Brethren—

Your committee on the examination of new members presents the following brief report.

One member, Mr. Williams, was examined during the year. He has finished the course of study required by the mission and was examined by Mr. Sawrby of the English Baptist Mission last September. The examiner assured us afterward that the examination was very creditable to Mr. Williams, his average being 83 2/3 % on a basis of 100 %, which according to his system of marking is a very high grade.

There are still several members of the mission who have not yet passed all their examinations in the Chinese language, which are required both by the rules of the Mission & of the Board & the Committee strongly urges these friends to do their utmost this year to fulfil this obligation.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Clapp, Chairman of Com.

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Your committee further recommends that meanwhile the missionaries at Taiku be urged at once to give up the unhealthy quarters they are now occupying and to prosecute the search diligently until more healthy quarters have been found. In the judgment of your committee the missionaries would be not only warranted but required to locate at some point far less convenient to their work than the present quarters rather than to expose the health of themselves and their families in the present location.

Recd. Sept. 11, 1895.

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Prud. Com. authorized the Tai Ku station to sell property owned in Tai Ku, to vacate property rented in Tai Ku, and locate in a healthy village outside, without additional cost. Feb. 24, 1895.

June 20, 1895 the Shansi Missions by Messrs. Davis & Thompson, asked for a grant of $11,000.-, to buy premises outside the city Tai Ku, and to build homes for missionaries there. Received Sept. 11, 1895.

The Secretary replied Sept. 11, referring to action of Prud. Com. Feb. 24, last, and urging the mission to effect the transfer.

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Report received

Mr. Williams, in his letter of July 31, 1895, reports action of the commission authorizing renting of the village of Portgen, and the ineffective efforts to secure rent thereon or elsewhere.

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4. April 30, 1896 the Shansi mission, by Messrs. Atwater and Williams, renewed their request for a grant of $11,000.- for a new site & homes for the Tai Ku station, alleging reasons for the same and showing the difficulty and cost of renting elsewhere.

5. The Sub-com. on Missions in China, Aug. 11, 1896, reported on requests from Shansi mission including the above request, expressing sympathy with the wants of the station, regret that funds were not then at hand to provide houses, and hope that this would soon be the case.

6. A letter from Mrs. Alice Jones

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Summary of Action
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Fenchoufu Station Report for 1897

Read April 11th 1898.

During the year 1897, of the members of Fenchoufu station only Dr. Atwood was at his post during the entire time. Mr. & Mrs. Price were in America the first half of the year They reached Fenchoufu on their return to the mission & were welcomed to their home Nov. 19th. Mr. Atwater was somewhat encumbered with the care of his children during Jan. & Feb. and during the rest of the first half of the year was absent to attend the annual meeting of the mission & in making a trip to the Coast.

The trip resulted in great benefit in giving him a view of the work & workers of an older mission & well repaid the time & expense attending it. Mr. Atwater visited all of the stations of the North China mission with the exception of Kalgan and attended the annual meeting of that mission. The trip was taken without accident though not without incidents & was made in less than three months. During his absence both medical & evangelistic work was carried on by Dr. Atwood.

The Annual Station Class of Church members & probationers was held Feb 7th to 14th. Some forty were in attendance & we were conscious of much good resulting from the Bible study and unifying effect of the time spent together. At its close ten men, all adults, were baptized.

It was at this time, that at the special & renewed requests of several converts, we were induced to reopen the Boys School closed the year previous. Only Christian books & the usual studies from the Western curriculum, geography, arithmetic &c were to be taught. In starting the school, the church members agreed to pay the entire cost of the food for teacher & pupils & to pay half of the cook's wages. The school was not expected to be a large one at first but we were glad to see the entire willingness of the church members to do this much in order to secure Christian instruction for their children.

The opium & hospital work was the principal means used to reach the Chinese

during the year. And out of the large number who heard the gospel morning & evening some 33 persons were taken on probation, after professing faith in God and a willingness to put away idolatry & all evil practices.

All who were on the place for a longer or shorter time have been encouraged to buy some Christian book. The probationers were expected to buy a testament & hymn book & a total of 37125 cash worth of books of all kinds were sold during the year.

After the rains were over, work was commenced on the new chapel & it was finished & plastered before the very cold weather set in. The work was not delayed by rains & the whole was finished in a satisfactory manner. The chapel, connected as it is with the woman's waiting room is a great addition to our equipment. The audiences, however, seem to keep pace with the enlarged quarters & we may very soon wish for more room but we are truly glad for what we now have. The women may

now come in good numbers to hear the gospel & we may hope for converts from now on. So far the work in Fen chou fu has been conspicuous for its lack of women converts. May the time soon come when this may not be said.

No places for preaching were opened to us by the converts during the year. There is, however, at this writing a change in this respect which we are glad to note. The particulars belong naturally to the next year's report.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. Atwater.

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Medical Report of Fenchowfu Station for 1897.

Whole No. Dispensary treatments	3602
" " Opium Patients	130
" " In-patients	70
Total	3.802

No. of Important Surgical operations 25

This includes 3 amputations, 1 of the leg below the knee, 1 of the arm & 1 of the hand. All minor operations are included in the dispensary report.

The above figures give but little idea of the work in the dispensary & hospital & opium refuge. We realize more than ever the truth that medical work in itself is of little use unless it ultimately leads men to Christ, the Great Physician of souls. Medicine, at best, can only restore the body somewhat to the condition it was at first; but the Savior of all men can restore men to what they ought to be — new men in Christ Jesus & children of the household of God. To this end the medical work has been carried on in this station.

During the Spring of the year, for some unaccountable reason the number of patients, at the

dispensary suddenly dropped off. This was no doubt due to one of the many waves of popular prejudice, stirred up by the envy of Confucian scholars. This wave of suspicion passed over during the summer & patients returned in still larger numbers in the fall & have steadily increased in numbers to the present time.

This class of patients is the least satisfactory as they come & get medicines & go & many get but little clear knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. It serves a good purpose, however, in conciliating the people & relieving the irritation caused by having foreigners amongst them.

New light has come to us in regard to the case reported in last year's report as simulating demon possession. The case has returned to us several times & the cause of the remarkable symptoms is now apparent. A tumor was found to be pushing the eye ball forward & pressing from within upon the brain. Some of our C. I. M. friends still claim that he was healed at the time by prayer. We believe in prayer & faith but we believe that this also in-

cludes the use of means. The Lord of Creation did not disdain to use means & should we his creatures despise anything he has thought it wise to create for man's use. If there is any healing going on anywhere it is divine healing. The vis medicatrix naturae is a vis Dei & all the forces & properties of mind & matter are the emanations of his omnipotent will ever present in nature & humanity. We take it that the Lord never went into partnership with the Devil. When the proposition was made by the Devil the Lord said "Get thee behind me Satan". We do not believe in honoring him in this world more than he did. The poor natives believe in lords many & devils many. We believe they are mostly the figment of the imagination.

More hopeful is the work in the hospital where the patients listen to the truth spoken to them personally in their rooms & in the waiting room to those who are able to leave their rooms. Some of this class, we have good reason to believe, have given themselves to the service of the Lord instead of serving dumb idols. One very striking case is worth speaking of — a woman from

Kuai Linch a village in the mountains - She came to us for treatment for epithelioma of the foot - caused no doubt - by the irritation of the bound & broken foot. She had contracted the opium habit - to relieve the pain in her foot - that prevented her from sleeping nights & day. Her body was reduced almost - to a skeleton but even in this condition she was nursing a two year old child, & the cries of both all night-long while she was leaving off opium (we require all who enter the hospital to leave off this habit-) were pitiful. The opium habit - being cured her flesh & strength were soon restored by the use of Mellin's food & milk & she was ready for the amputation. The station does not yet possess an amputating case & it is not always convenient - to borrow when the nearest - is 70 miles away; so a saw was made of a strip of band iron from one of our Boston boxes & with this & a finger knife the leg was amputated below the knee. The great kindness shown her by the foreigners led her to accept the truth & the true God instead of her false gods. Her husband has also accepted the truth & they are now a happy family. All the village in which

they live which is but a small hamlet in the mountains are now Christian with the exception of a few families. The other families were brought in through the opium refuge work. This form of work has now become the most satisfactory work connected with the station as we learn by experience how to treat their cases. Of the 33 taken on probation during the year all but 3 or 4 were from this class & the large majority of them give hopes of a permanent change, & are daily witnesses to the power of a living Savior whom they have found in the opium refuge. With the pill method they now pass through the process with little discomfort & the exceptions are very few to daily attendence on the evening Gospel meetings & morning service. They are required to remain with us a month & during this time they are enabled to get some intelligent conception of the plan of salvation.

It is estimated by one of the vetran missionaries in China that on the average 30 sermons are preached for every Chinaman converted. The opium refuge offers an opportunity

to hear this average number of talks on Christianity. The opium rot is as devoid of pride as most others are full of it & though a hard taskmaster yet thus opium becomes the schoolmaster to lead them to Christ. Those who have found the true savior of men bring in others & as the work gradually extends itself & invitations have been extended to us to open refuges in distant places. These invitations we have not yet been able to accept heretofore. We hope to do more in the future. We lack room even at home for this work & it has to a large degree crowded out the hospital work. It is hard work but it is still harder to have to turn people away for lack of room when we feel that they might have been brought into the family of faith if we had room enough to receive them.

We rejoice now in larger chapel accommodations for the holding of Gospel meetings. In the holding of these meetings & in personal work with the patients in their rooms & in the waiting room Mr. Atwater has rendered invaluable service. Mr. Price & helper Lin also assisted during the last three months

of the year after their return to the station.

Above all we are grateful to God for the tokens of his blessing upon the work, & we hope & pray for greater showers of blessings in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. Atwood.

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Report of Jen Bum Station for 1897.

Rev. F. W. Davis & family left for the U. S. on furlough in the early part of the year & soon after the departure of Mrs. Davis the Girls' Boarding school was closed.

Rev. W. H. Clapp & Rev. G. L. Williams & their families spent the summer at this place.

Rev. J. B. Thompson returned from his furlough in the fall, arriving at Jen Bum on the evening of the 27th of Oct. Between that time & the end of December Mr. T. made 46 visits to villages in the neighborhood.

After the closing of the Girls' school, Mr. Bui was given village work to do, under the direction of Mr. Williams & in eight months he made 170 visits which gives a total of 216 visits for the year.

The regular Sunday services were maintained throughout the year but the services were rarely attended by more than two or three outsiders.

It was hoped to take on a few opium patients in the winter, & medicine for this purpose was obtained from Dr. Atwood; but the persons who talked of coming to break off opium

did not come.

It is hoped that another year there will be more to report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Thompson.

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Report of the Evangelistic Work of the Paiku Station — 1897.

The grain of mustard seed sown in the Paiku field has sprouted & taken root. Year by year the roots are striking deeper into the soil & the trunk & branches of the tree are making a steadier growth. The Kingdom of God has been set up, that Kingdom "which shall never be destroyed" but which "shall stand forever". As we reach the close of another year's work, forgetting the weariness & trials & disappointments which are behind with perfect hope & confidence in the assurance of God's Word we would reach forth unto those things which are before.

1. The Field.

The Paiku Station occupies the middle portion of our mission field, a district on the Poyang plain 30 miles wide by 40 long besides running into the hills an indefinite distance on either side, with a population in all of about one million. The principal station situated in the city of Paiku, the most important business city of the province, is supplemented by 7 out-stations, 2 of which were added during the year.

2. The Force.

1. The missionaries – The station force, decreased by the absence of Miss Bird in the U.S. on furlough devides the work as follows: Mr. Clapp in addition to the pastorate of the Church, has charge of 3 opium refuges & mutually divides the supervision of the outstations & evangelistic work with Mr. Williams who acts as the Mission Treasurer. Dr. Hall carries on his medical work at the village of Li Man 8 miles from Taiku. Miss Partridge's time is given to evangelistic work among the women. Mrs. Clapp carries the principal work of the Boys' Boarding school & gives some time to the instruction of women in which work she is assisted by Mrs. Williams. Two children have been born into missionary homes this year:– Helen Marie Williams May 18th, Dorothy Hall, Nov 18th.

2 The Native force. – The whole force comprising evangelists, teachers & opium refuge workers numbers 8 men, 2 of whom, Mr. Lin & Mr. Liang, were added during the year. These men are converted business men who have exhibited a spirit of service & an aptitude for it.

III The Work

1. The Church – There is only one Church organization in the whole field, the baptized be-

lievers in the various out-stations all holding membership in the Taikw Church and assembling at Taikw four times a year for the communion season. Our church membership numbers 37, 19 of whom were baptized during the year. 42 persons were taken on probation. The church necessarially grows but slowly, great care being exercised in the admission of members. Most of the applicants are from those who have received instruction in the opium refuges whom it is deemed necessary to keep waiting at least a year before even taking on probation for fear of their falling into the habit again. The church raised for home expenses 35 tiao ($19.92 gold). The year is marked by a steady thoughtful development of the spiritual life of a goodly portion of the members & a large expansion of influence upon the heathen about us who will certainly come in in larger numbers at no distant day when conviction & love shall have overcome pride & shame. There are many evidences that this church is truly founded in the Lord & is being guided by the Holy Spirit. Deacon Lin is the strong pillar of the church. In addition to his school duties, for which he is paid by the mission, he is an eloquent

preacher & fearless exhorter in which work he never wearies. Perhaps his constant conversing with enquirers is his most important work. Himself a slave of opium for 23 years & having fallen low in kindred evils but whose clean life for the past eight years (clean even from light wine & tobacco) bears unmistakable testimony to the reclaiming power of Christ, he is able to help others as no other could.

Distinct advance is noted in the spirit of Sabbath keeping, two shops with closed doors every seventh day drawing the attention of large numbers in the city to the principles of the Church.

No severe case of persecution has occurred. Mr Ch'eng was set upon by neighbors & beaten for casting in his lot with us. Father Hou's Christian books were thrown into the fire & burned because he would not perform idolatrous rites at the birth of a grandson. Besides these cases & the common revilings for putting away idols, & the bother of securing the recognition of the rights of Christians by the officials, no others have been reported.

The Sabbath congregations in the city have practically filled the chapel. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting with an average attendence of 60 is a growing power in the life of the Church. The Week of Prayer, observed

with daily meetings, using topics in common with Christians all over the world strengthened faith & gave fresh enthusiasm to this isolated band of believers. The Sunday School with an attendence of about 70 was faithfully sustained during the year with the exception of July & August, the International Lessons being used. We use the same methods which are used in the home schools. Preparation is made in a teachers meeting Saturday evening. Scripture Rolls are used in teaching. Home schools will help us greatly by sending us old rolls when they may be through with them.

The Subscribers list to the "North China Monthly News" a paper printed at Peking by the Am. Board press, numbers 18 names, showing a good degree of interest in the progress of the kingdom. Three Christian weddings were celebrated during the year & no funerals. The Christmas festivities were greatly enjoyed. Sixty odd Chinese guests were entertained by the missionaries (Not at the expense of the Board.) In the evening Mr. Thompson of Jen Bian gave a lecture on his Around the World trip illustrated by lantern pictures to the great delight of a crowded audience. The following day, Sunday

was full of interest; 19 being received on probation & & into the church by baptism. In Feb. a delegation of 15 attended the Annual Conference of the Churches of Central Shansi at Tai Yüenfu the capital of the Province, each member bearing his own travelling expenses. The Conference having for its motto "Shen Chih Yeh Su" "To deeply know Jesus", made a lasting impression productive of much good throughout the year. At the Annual Meeting of the Church the Church roll was read & revised, a Comittee appointed to confer with apostate members, money subscriptions made in the interest of self support &c, everything as far as advisable being put into the hands of the natives.

2. Outstations.—

(1) Pung Fang. At Pung Fang life & growth have been most marked. The church, made up almost wholly of ex-opium eaters, some of whom were also steeped in other vices, has obtained a good name & respect in the whole town. Brother Wang, who was formerly the overseer of a gambling tent, has borne petty persecution with Christian patience & is becoming a leader in church affairs. Some good men have fallen again & again into the opium habit. It is pitiful to see their faces as they still regularly attend church clinging to the hope of deliverance. May

God help them to rise still again & enable them to stand!

The Sabbath congregation has quite outgrown its place of meeting which is wholly provided from native sources & steps are being taken to secure larger premises. There is a most encouraging spirit of desire to support & carry on their own work. It was the writer's most blessed experience to arrive unexpectedly at this village at the close of a winter day & find the people gathering for their weekly prayer meeting. 17 friends gathered & most cordially welcomed the foreign pastor who was present with them for the first time, the meeting having been started & carried on for a year wholly by themselves. For a long time the people had been calling upon us for a Christian day school. The call was in vain for we had no suitable teacher & the depleted treasury of the Board could give us no money for such work. At last the missionaries decided from their own salaries to offer them on the teacher's salary .55 cts a year per pupil, according to the number of pupils up to 20, providing they would secure a teacher, room, fuel & all other expenses. Much to our surprise they objected to our plan & by private subscription raised the whole sup-

port of the school excepting .60 cents a month which we were very glad to contribute. The teacher is a Christian from their own number who is superintended by the missionaries. And so the "Pung Fang Congregational Free School" has very little suggestion of the foreigner about it.

(2) Ch'è Wang.

The work at Ch'e Wang is as discouraging as that at Pung Fang is hopeful. The people are spiritually dead & seemingly have no influence in the community. During the year they, under pressure, raised 3/4 of the rental of a more desirable place of meeting. We hold on with our regular Sabbath services hoping for a change for the better.

(3) Nan Chang.

Our force was too limited to supply Nan Chang on the Sabbath so we have conducted services there every Wednesday. The people have met in a private house no expense being incurred. Several families have put away their idols but as yet only two old men have been taken on probation, none being baptized. A Christian day school is asked for. Frequently several come from the surrounding villages to this service who seem hopeful.

(4.) Ch'ing Yüan.

While the work does not seem to be taking root in the city of Ch'ing Yüan, the opium refuge carried on there has been the means through its patients of arousing considerable interest in several villages. Especially in Nan Ch'ing Pui, Pung Ch'ing Pui, Wu, & K'ung, there are interested inquirers. Six were received on probation from Nan Ch'ing Pui & one from Pung Ch'ing Pui. Nan Ch'ing Pui & K'ung have urged hard for schools but neither trained teachers nor means for assisting in their support are at hand. The work in this field, although it is partially Roman Catholic, having a large Cathederal & monastery, with proper fostering is bound to grow. Shall we be deprived of the means with which to carry it on?

(5) Huai Jen.

At Huai Jen three families are holding on to their faith against great odds. Sabbath services have been regularly held among themselves by the faithful few. Only a few visits have been made to them because of the distance from Taiku & the impossibility of a few workers being in many places at once. Many open doors there are now

closed because the opportunity was passed by.

(16) Hsi Ying.

An out station was opened in Hsi Ying, an important market town in the Hsiang Yüan district, lying away in the hills 80 miles to the South East of Taiku by Mr. Clapp who spent a month there last fall. A young helper was left in charge & the place will be visited by the missionaries as often as possible. The mountain road leading there, passable only for pack animals, traverses the Yü Shih & Wu Hsiang districts. These districts contain no large cities but numerous mountain villages. The whole region is practically untouched. Mr. Clapp while at Hsi Ying started an opium refuge. In regard to his visit & work there he says, "A number of villages in the vicinity of the Refuge were visited & a fair in the town of Hsi Ying which was in progress for a number of days was daily attended and preaching & the selling of books was carried on. One visit was made to the Hsien City to see what the prospect was, but we found agents of the China Inland Mission abread in possession of the field, so not much will be attempted

in that direction. The people of the region where the Refuge is are almost wholly given up to opium & they are very poor & ignorant. Still many want to break off & are glad to have the refuge started. A large amount of opium is raised there, so the prospect of a rather slow & difficult work seems good. Mr. Liang is at present in charge & seems to be doing well."

(7) Li Man.

The work at Li Man is in charge of Dr. Hall who is assisted by two evangelists & will be reported in another paper.

IV Opium Refuges.

Three refuges have been in operation for a part of the year. One in Taiku city, occupying two courts, one for men & one for women, was open 7 months. One in Ching Yüan for men only was open a little over 4 months & the third in Hsi Ying Chen in the hills 80 miles South east of Taikuo also for men opened in November & continued two months. The total number of patients treated was 172 of whom 24 were women.

The question is often asked at home, "Why

spend so much time & strength in Opium Refuges?" "Is not the work of the Missionary evangelistic rather than reformatory?" Such questions could only be asked by one ignorant of the conditions of our field. Probably 7 out of every 10 of the villagers are addicted to the use of opium while the proportion in city populations is even greater. This is true of men & women alike. With this incomparable evil the Church has to contend & against this stupendous obstacle she must win her way. We cannot admit opium users into the Church & hope to reform them afterwards as the Roman Catholics are said to do. The danger is too great & the hope too frail. To such people whose sensibility is deadened & whose moral perception is well nigh annihilated the Gospel is proclaimed. It has little or no effect on them but they may be anxious to come to us in the hope of getting rid of their terrible curse. They must go through a course of several weeks treatment. Every day they are prayed with & taught the Gospel truth & implored to seek the sufficient help which can only be found in Jesus Christ. Nearly all go home from

the Refuges kindly disposed & with prejudices broken down & some not only saved from the curse of Opium but from the curse of all sin through faith in Jesus Christ. Thus the Refuge work is an opening wedge which gives us access to the people & prepares the way for the reception of the Gospel. This work is especially feasible during these days of small appropriations because the fees generally cover the running expenses of the work.

V Station Classes.

During the winter vacation of the Boys Boarding school, the empty school rooms gave opportunity to hold a station class. 15 Christians & inquirers responded to our invitation to spend a month of study with us. The expenses were partly paid from the mission funds. The class was divided into two sections, of those who could read & of those who could not. A course of instruction was given in the book of Acts, another in the Scriptures arranged topically besides different Catechisms & instruction in the singing of hymns. The men were remarkably attentive to their work never absenting themselves from recitations & some seemingly foolish men showed a surprising grasp of the truth. The

results of their faithfulness have been lasting, being evident in their lives throughout the year.

Conclusion.

In this reviewing of the year's work our hearts are stirred with various emotions; joy over the success which God has granted to his servants in doing His work, yea blessed joy, in witnessing the beginnings of Christianity in a heathen land; & faith which pictures the later outgrowth from these small beginnings when Christ shall have set free this people & brought them under glad subjection to himself. But joy & thanksgiving & hope are mingled with sorrow & disappointment, for the work is crippled & retarded from lack of funds with which to carry it on. That only 56% of the amount deemed necessary to carry on our work for the year could be appropriated by the Board is a strange sad fact, which should be speedily be attended to by the supporters of our work. Fully 1/3 of the work done in 1897 was paid for by the missionaries from their reduced salaries. With a further reduction for 1898 granting us only 46% of the amount necessary to be used, what are we to do? May God, whose is the work, move upon the hearts of his children to provide the means, if it be his will that it be carried forward!

Respectfully submitted for the Station,

G. L. Williams.

Church Work, Amount - 10 pp.
Filed July 30 - 1898

By a native artist
V. L. H.

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Report

of

Hospital and Dispensary,

Taihu Station,

Shansi Mission,

A.B.C.F.M.

1897.

Report.

The medical work is only a means to an end. The central thought for the year has been

"To every patient a word for Christ."

That some seed will fall on good ground we know — words spoken "in His name" must have an influence for good.

It is our mission and our privilege to teach that the saddest heart, the poorest home and the emptiest life may be satisfied by the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Daily worship was conducted in the Hospital during the year. The Bible study, which proved such a help last year was continued with great success and manifest blessing. The evangelists, Liu Cheng Lung and Wang Chung, have witnessed a deepening of the spiritual life and their service for God and for their fellowman increases in power and efficiency. More than one hundred visits were made to surrounding villages and the evangelists were shown respect.

We see such evidences of the power of the Holy Spirit—changing the current of men's lives from evil to desire and do what is good—we are made to see that the heaven is working,—that the time of Christ's redemption is near. One of the best evidences we have of increased interest is that the people are beginning to read the Bible. Where, in former years, we heard only cursing and revilings, old men, young men and children now ask to examine our Christian books. The people meet the evangelists with questions. When the question is asked, "If Christ be the son of God why did he not manifest his power on Calvary?" the way is open to tell of the redemption, of the wondrous love that gave Jesus to die for all men, and the POWER shown forth on the Cross—the willingness to die that others might live.

In that great day when we shall meet Him face to face, we believe that some souls will be found; some souls of men who have heard of our Saviour during this year, and hearing, have accepted, and crowned Him Lord of All.

Such loving witness we have to the Holy One. A lady, wife of an official, was treated in the opium refuge. She was impressed with the truth. She gave careful attention to the daily Bible lesson. Before she returned to her home she said to me, "I believe in the One, True God and feel that Jesus has forgiven my

sins. Pray that I may witness for Him." She brought a number of her friends to the hospital. Some time after she again entered the hospital,—this time to be treated for bronchitis. She had not gone back to opium. During her stay she never seemed happier than when telling her sisters what had been done for her. She wanted them all to understand and trust. A gentle, genuine witness for Christian and her God. The day she left she said, "I will know what heaven is. If I die I will go there".

Soon after her return to her home she was exposed to a storm; she caught a cold which rapidly developed into pneumonia. Her husband and attendants urged her to take opium to relieve the pain. "If I die I will die. I will not take opium." When asked to worship she refused. "My God will help me". Her last message to us, before she died was "I believe Jesus loves me".

One old man, sixty years a dweller in darkness, has, since his conversion expressed a desire to learn all the characters in the New Testament. He is taking four characters a day and says he hopes to read about Jesus before he goes to live with him.

Patients from the hospital have offered us chapels in two villages, and homes are open for religious instruction in a number of other villages.

Patients have been treated from Chili, Honan and Shantung.

Cities.

Chi hsien, Ching yüan, Chiao chêng, Hsü ku, Lu ngan fu, Ping yao, Pu chou, Shan yang, Tai Tung, Tai ku, Wên Shui, Yü shi, Yü tai.

Villages.

Chiao yang, Ching i, Chi wang, Chi wang chwang, Ching shêng Tsun, Chia Tsun, Chang chia wang, Chia pu, Chang hua, Chêng hsi, Chang wu, Chang pei ting, Chên Tsun, Ching, Tai Tsun, Ching yüe, Chia chu chwang, Chang fu, Chwan mu, Chü chwan.

Li Ti.

Fan Tsun.

Hsi liu Tsun, Hsia wang Tsun, Hsi chwang, Hsi shan Tsun, Hsi ku chwang, Hsi kwang, Hsi yang chien, Han Tsun, Hsi su, Hsiao pai, Hwai jen, Hsing Tsun, Hsi ngan, Hsi ma, Hu Tsun, Hsi Tsun, Hsia chia chwang, Hsia yüan, Hsiao chang, Hsiao wang pu, Hsün Tien Tsun, Hsiao chang, Hsing chia, Hou wang chwang, Hu chia chwang, Hwai yüan, Hsin chwang, Hsia ku, Hsi Sun Tsun, Hsia chwang, Hsi wu, Hsien yüan chwang.

Jên Tsun.

Kao Tsun, Kwan tsai, Kwoa Tsun(3), Ku tsi, Kwoa ti, Ku yang pu, Ku kwoa, Kao chia wang, Kwoa chia Tsun, Kwan chia pu, Kwa hsia, Kwoa hsien.

Liu pei, Liu chia hsiang, Liao Tsun, Liao tun, Liao hsi, Li man, Li chêng Tsun, Li yüan, Lo Ler tsu ti, Liang Tsun, Liang chia.

Mi lo kao, Ma ting kwan, Mao Tsu, Nan hsi Tsun, Nan chwang, Mao chia, Nan hsia, Nan chang, Niu chia Tsun, Nan chang Tsun, Nan wang, Pi chang Tsun, Pei sang, Pei kwoa pêng, Pei wang Tsun, Pai nian, Poa tsi, Pu tai chwang, Poa ti, Pei chia, Pei Tung pai, Pai ta shi, Pao chien, Shang wang Tsun, Shang chê ti, Si hsien, Shui chêng, Si kwa, Shi yü, Shi hsiang, Shui hsi Tsun, Shi chia shou, Shêng Jêng, Shui wang, Shang Tsa hê, Shang chwang.

Tung yüe Tsun, Ta yüe ping, Tao yüan pu, Tai chwang, Tung Tsun, Ta pai, Tung kwang, Tun Jang, Ting li, Tai yüan, Tu chia chwang, Tai shang, Tou hê, Tung chia chwang, Tung shan ti, Tung yang, Tung ngai chwang, Tung chêng.

Wang liu Tsun, Wên chia ku, Wang chia chwang, Wên yung Tsun, Wang hê, Wang Tsun(3), Wang hui chwang, Wu chang pu, Wang chia pu, Wei chia yu, Wu chia Tsun.

Yung chwang, Yung chou hsi, Yang Tsun(2), Yang i, Yung Kang, Yen Tsun, Yüan kwoa, Yü ma tu, Yü mien.

Quadra-City, Wu hsiang.

Provinces,	3.
Cities,	14
Villages,	157
Total,	171

The Opium Refuge.

Male 123, Female 40, Total 163.

Opium refuge work seems, on the whole, the most unsatisfactory department of the medical work. The extra effort required to attend to the real and imaginary wants of a number of opium patients leaves the person in charge but little time for gospel work. An opium sot is like a whisky sot — he will look up to the hand that holds his supply. He will talk any way and promise any thing to please the one who carries the needle, — promises, alas! to be soon forgotten when the process is ended. As their promises are so readily broken it appears the best method to have opium patients taught entirely by some other person than the one who gives the medicine. There is, in this method, more hope for a genuine attention to the teaching — not a day to day grunting, head-nodding, smiling sanction to every remark — and cough — made by the "medicine holder."

Affection for the manager and gratitude to a benefactor will add few genuine Christians to China's roll of converts. We want the people to accept Christ "for their own soul's sake", — not for gratitude to us. Earnest effort has been made to secure an acceptance of Christ thro the redemption of His own creation — His blood, shed for all.

Injust the proportion in which an opium patient is genuinely converted to the One True God may we hope for self-will and determination to resist the longing and inclination to return to the subtile embrace of the dream god — opium. Such an enormous proportion of the slaves to opium who come to us enter the refuges to secure treatment for some intercurrent disease that to take away their opium without relieving the concurrent affliction is only to leave them with a sure, open way to a speedy return to the baleful drug. Then it is they see our religion in us and instead of a possible sheaf for the Master's harvest there is an enemy to every influence for good.

We have evidence of the Spirit's power in the hospital refuge. Some there are who prove this power by their daily lives. Some have gone from the refuge to witness for Him who is mighty to save!

Some of the most hopeful cases are those where, husband and wife both being slaves to the curse, they bring their children along and live with us till the craving be overcome. Our faith is strong that when our number of workers is such that we can follow these people to their homes, and show to them that our interest in them goes beyond our refuge door, Christ will reign in more hearts and homes.

Dispensary.

I, General Diseases,	528	
II, Diseases of Respiration,	527	
III, " " Circulation,	43	
IV, " " Digestion,	611	
V, Genito-urinary,	87	
VI, Diseases of Women,	172	
VII, " " the Ear,	35	
VIII, " " " Skin,	174	
IX, Nervous System,	169	
X, Diseases of the Eye,	322	
XI, Surgical cases,	441	3114
Opium Refuge		163
Total Registration,		3277
Return visits, for Treatment,		1259
Whole No. Visits,		4536

Year.	New.	Old.	Total patients.
1894	88	29	117
1895	457	162	619
1896	1868	473	2341
1897	3277	1259	4536
	5690	1923	7613

Hospital.

Year	Male.	Female.	Opium M.	Opium F.	Attendants.	Children.	Total.
1894	3				2	1	6
1895	29	14			8	5	61
1896	167	104	57	19	27	21	395
1897	128	75	123	40	89	92	547
	327	198	180	59	129	119	1009

The two hundred and three inpatients were classified as follows.—

I.	... 23.	VII.	... 2.
II.	... 16.	VIII.	... 5.
III.	... 24.	IX.	... 10.
IV.	... 3.	X.	... 29.
V.	... 15.	XI.	... 79.
VI.	... 16.		
		Total	... 203

A classification of some of the most important cases.

Hernia, 19 — Malaria, 44 — Rheumatism, 111 — Tonsilitis, 14 — Hæmoptysis, 18 — Influenza, 56 — Dyspepsia, 27 — Eczema, 47 — Epilepsy, 21 — Hemiplegia, 4 — Cataract, 22 — Conjunctivitis, 74 — Ophthalmia, 53 — Cornea, ulcers of, 18 — Abscess, 43 — Burns, 21 — Carbuncle, 8 — Colles' fracture, 5 — Ischiatic pain, 4 — Gunshot, 9 — Phimosis, 6 — Caries and necrosis, 15 — Ulcers, 90 — Wounds, 64 — Amputations: arm, 3 — Chopart's, 1 — Finger, 5 — Foot, 2 — Fractures, 4 — Febricula, 63 — "Coughs and Colds", 367 — Indigestion, 234 — Ovaritis, 7 — Cancer, breast, 5 — Trigeminal anæsthesia, 38 — Entropion, 4 — Tumors, 41.

W. L. Hall

The great increase in the volume of work naturally called for an increased fund for supplies. Instead of an increase, or even the sum used last year, we were expected to make one dollar do the work of two. One time to enough, to report a single case, or a class of cases — but words cannot tell of the days and nights of watching and waiting, — human lives in our hands — knowing, we must have medicines to send the poor sufferers away unseen.

No patient died in the hospital during the year.

During the year the support of the evangelists in the hospital has been assumed by two bands of young people in Seattle, Washington, "Happy Hearts" of Green Lake and "Plymouth Happy Hearts" of Plymouth Church.

The people are here — the door is open — it is our prayer that it may not be shut — it can be kept open only by those who know and love the Lord.

The promise is to those who do His commandments — Deuteronomy XXVIII, 1-14.

Respectfully,

Lincoln, Jan. 1895.

W. L. Hall.

Tacoma, Wash., 1891

Filed July 30-1892

Report of Taiku School for year 1897.

Dear Brethren,

Owing to the shortness of funds the school was in session only 7½ months of the year. During this time, however, there was a more constant attendance than in former years, the enrollment being 25 & the average attendance above 21.

A very large number of applications were refused because of the lack of accommodations & funds to carry forward the work.

The principal adopted two years ago not to receive any new pupils except the children of Xn parents has been adhered to, tho it has been hard to refuse them & in some cases I fear has worked against us.

Mr. Lin has continued as the Chinese teacher tho somewhat against his own inclination & mainly because we had no other man to put in his place. Some arrangement must be made for a change in the near future, so that he may devote his whole time to evangelistic work for which he is so well adapted both by natural gift & the graces of the Spirit.

The cost of the school to the mission was

Taiku, Shansi, 1897

$170. - an effort made to keep within the appropriations, which was done. This amount includes a part of the rent but not the teacher's salary which was provided for by special gifts from friends in America.

For the first time in its history there has been regular set examinations of all the classes except such as the catecism & the santzu Ching, by members of the mission outside of the regular teachers. Heretofore all such exercises were conducted by the foreign teacher in charge except in one or two instances where an advanced pupil was examined by another member. Messers Thompson & Williams acted as examiners & expressed pleasure & satisfaction in the quality of the work done.

This year for the first time the more advanced classes have been marked for reciting on a standard of 10 & the grades have been very good. It has been a help to the boys by stiring up a healthy spirit of emulation.

The time seems to have come when

an advance must be made in this school or much of the hard drudgery of the past years will be lost. All the members who have had anything to do with it during the past two years, either as teacher or examiners believe it must be pushed on to a higher grade in the near future, else it will largely fail of the purpose for which it was started viz - to raise up assistants & helpers for the work of the mission.

We have already lost several of the most hopeful pupils & who if there had been any hope of gaining anything in the future by continuing their studies would probably have remained in the school. But being the sons of poor parents who are unable to support them longer in school, they very naturally felt they must be earning something for themselves & hence have put them into business.

It seems to us that some provision ought to be made at this meeting for a more advanced school at Raiken or elsewhere for those pupils, who want to continue their studies but who cannot do so unless some help is given them. They are too young & immature to be of any use as assistants now but with more training in a few more years will be such as we shall be glad to get as helpers in the work.

In the Raiken district at least the work is greatly hin-

dered for lack of trained Xn teachers & preachers & as it is impossible to get these from other missions it seems only the part of wisdom & good sense to provide some way by which we may raise them up from among our own people.

We are supporting one pupil in Pung Chow college from private means but it is too expensive & too far away to make it desirable to carry this on to any extent. We have some bright & interesting boys in school now, sons of Xn parents who want them to have longer training but they are poor & cannot afford it themselves & if nothing is done to keep them, more than has been done in the past, they too will slip away from us & the mission will get no Xn helpers from them as they have not in the past. Thoroughly Xn schools have always been established in connection with the evangelistic work of the missions of our Board the world over & it seems to us that we need it just as much as others do. In our judgment the work of the whole mission is suffering terribly for the lack of trained helpers & we are never going to get them unless we raise them up for ourselves & out of just such materials as we have coming on now.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. J. R. Clapp.

(per D. H. C.)

Filed Jan. 30 1907

Report of Woman's Work for Paiken Station - 1897.

This year has in good measure fulfilled the promise of last year. So we have good courage to go on. Many new villages have been opened; most of these have been visited at least once but some are still calling for teaching. Over one hundred visits have been paid to twenty villages & the calls & visits to other houses than the one appointed in each village would count up to not far from the same number.

The number of women & girls who have been systematically taught in the various villages speaks well for the future intelligence of the church.

Six women were taken on probation at Christmas all of whom are reading regularly. Others seem not far from the kingdom. The awakening of those whom the Gospel reaches is striking here as everywhere. Many moreover are anxious to read who are not yet interested in their soul's salvation. It affords them a pastime & when the struggle for food is unnecessary & opium has not dulled the instinct for variety a new interest is gratefully received.

The first half of the year, Sunday Service was held at Huai Jen but during the last half the growing interest at Pung Tang led to a change.

The plan of holding a service in the morning at Pung Fang & in the afternoon at Ch'ê Wang was tried & so far with happy success. At the former place the audiences vary; now large now small; now regular, now changing with the exception of five or six standbys who are always there. There have been as many as thirty present there have been only five but the average is very gratifying. At the latter village the attendance is small but regular & most of the women have had considerable instruction in the past so they are quick to understand. The use of the S. S. Picture Rolls has proved a great attraction.

Miss Bird's absence has decreased the number of workers & curtailed the amount of work done but the interest has increased more than in any previous year & will soon demand more workers.

The names of the villages on our list are Hsai Jen, Pun Fang, Ch'ê Wang, Li Man, regular outstations thro the year; Pu Tai Chuang, Wang He, Lu Pao Wan, Yao P'un, Nan Hsieh, Fan P'ung P'un, Yang P'un, Fu Sam, Nan Chang P'un visited several times as invited or as time allowed; Tai Shang, Ch'ing Yüan, Ma Yüan,

Wu Wang Pu, Li Ch'i, Ching I, Nan Chuang visited once.

Ten of these were opened this year & all but three of the whole number are still open for visits & teaching. Most of the work has been done at short range. But one tour of ten days was taken near the close of the year. The cold made it less profitable than might be desired & so no just decision can be made in regard to the desirability of more extended touring.

Regular appointments once a week when possible seem for the present most satisfactory.

Besides the village work much teaching of the opium women has been done, a some what discouraging work but without which the work of breaking off patients, which is so clamorously demanded, would be quite useless.

Nine of the villages mentioned have been reached thro the opium refuges, two through the hospital, the others are the homes of helpers, servants or Christians.

Our ideals are not yet realized, some of them are too vague to mention even to ourselves, but we press on

undaunted because our trust is in
"Our God, our help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come."

Respectfully Submitted,
Louise Partridge.

Report of Treasurer
Filed July 30 - 1879

The Compiled Annual Report of the Shansi Mission - for 1897 - Evangelistic & Educational.

This report covers the Evangelistic & school work of Taiku Fenchoufu & Jen Tsun stations & shows progress in nearly every direction.

The workers on the field are as follows: Taiku. Mr. & Mrs Clapp Dr. & Mrs. Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Williams & Miss Partridge. Fenchoufu, Dr. & Mrs. Atwood, Mr. Atwater & the last two months of the year Mr. & Mrs. Price. At Jen Tsun the members of the station were absent on furlough for most of the year, Mr. Thompson returning in October. Besides these foreign workers, there were 10 natives employed as teachers, preachers & other assistants, an addition of two during the year.

The work of the various stations has been pushed as vigorously as the force would allow. Both Fenchoufu & Jen Tsun were crippled by the absence of members on furlough. Only one, Miss Bird was absent from Taiku station on furlough.

1. Cities - In Taiku & Fenchoufu the work has been most thoroughly pushed. The Sabbath congregations have filled the Chapels in both places throughout the year except during the Summer when the schools were closed & the missionaries away & even then meetings were kept up with a fair attendance. There are six outstations, besides Li Man where Dr. Hall & Miss Partridge temporarily reside in which regular weekly services were held for all or a portion of the year

with good congregations & in some cases marked interest in the Truth. Baptized Xns in regular standing 60 & 75 on probation. Besides these many adherents who attend services on Sabbath more or less regularly. Great caution is used in receiving opium patients to Church membership & hence the comparatively small number of baptized Christians.

2. Villages. Jen Bun & Li Man are occupied by foreigners & the work in the latter is reported by Dr. Hall elsewhere. In Jen Bun - the regular members being absent most of the year the place was occupied by Messrs Clapp & Williams during the summer & the Sabbath congregations well attended. The most of the work in this station, however, was done by visiting villages to preach & sell books. After the closing of the Girls' school in April the teacher, Mrs. Bin made 170 visits & Mr. Thompson after his return 46, in all 216. Besides these one extended tour was made by Mr. Clapp in the hills South-east of Paiku & two hsien cities & a number of villages reached.

3. Miss Partridge has carried on woman's work in the villages throughout the year & Miss Bird made a number of visits before she left on furlough early in the year. Miss Partridge has four outstations regularly throughout the year, nine other villages where occasional visits were made & seven others visited once each & services held. Other members do not report the exact number but we know a good many were thus reached throughout the whole field.

Opium Refuges

Although the statistics for these Refuges are reported elsewhere, it is in place to say here - that in the judgment of the majority of the mission more people are reached effectively with the Gospel by means of these refuges than by any other kind of work. In the Peiking field the most hopeful & interesting work we have is due almost wholly to this kind of effort, nearly all the Xns there being ex opium patients & of the 42 taken on probation by far the larger number were of the same class. Miss Partridge reports nine of the 20 villages on her list opened thro the opium work & the Annual Report of the Station says "Nearly all go home from these Refuges kindly disposed & with prejudices removed & some saved not only from the curse of opium but from the curse of sin - thro faith in Jesus Christ". The Fenchowfu Station report says "The Opium Refuge & Hospital work were the principal means used to reach the Chinese during the year & of the larger number thus treated & that heard the Gospel morning & evening some 33 persons were taken on probation after professing faith in God & a willingness to put away their idols & all evil practices" & Dr. Atwood in his medical Report says that of these 33 patients all but 3 were from the opium patients - Thus it seems that this is an important branch of our work.

Station Classes

Station Classes of Xns & inquirers were held both in Fenchowfu & Peiking in the early part of the year continuing for a longer or shorter period as time permitted - the expenses were paid partly by the Chinese & partly by the mission. These were helpful occasions & did much to confirm the faith & strengthen the Xn character of those who attended.

A new Chapel has been erected in Fenchowfu for its

large & growing work in the city & as the annual Report says "It is a great addition to our equipment. The women only now come in good numbers & hear the gospel & we may hope for converts from now on."

In Tuikey the school has been kept up on the old lines - The cost to the mission was $170. The enrollment was 25 & the average attendance above 21. There is a great need of an advance in this school a much that has been done will be lost. In the judgment of the workers there a school of a higher grade is needed in the near future & thus its work made more effective as a training school for assistants & helpers.

At the request of converts in Tienchowfu a boarding school for boys was started on a somewhat different plan - Only Xn books & such studies as Arithmetic & geography were to be taught. In starting the school the Xns agreed to furnish food for the teacher & pupils & pay half the cook's wages. It was not expected that the school would be very large at first but it was encouraging to see believers desirous of securing Xn education for their children.

The Gen Pism Girls School was closed last spring because the members of the Station were all absent on furlough & there was no one else who could give their time to it.

In concluding this report - we are glad to say that there are many reasons for thanksgiving & rejoicing at the prospect before us - which on the whole never was brighter. There have been many discouragements, not the least of which was the lack of funds to carry forward the work to its best results. It is hard to make 56 cents do the work of a dollar & it will be harder still to make 46 cents do the same work - the amount we have in hand for this year. But in spite of this, there is no desire to give up the work in any line & we are determined to press forward - being persuaded that the "Lord of the Harvest" will care for that which is of real value, if only his laborers are faithful to their trust.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. H. Clapp, Compiler.

New Chapel

School Work

Filed July 30 - Confirmed

Grand Totals of the Mission Medical Work.

Dispensary Patients			
	Paiku		4563
	Penchowfu		3602
In-Patients	Paiku		547
	Penchowfu		70
Opium Patients	Paiku	Li Man	163
		City	102
		Ch'ing Yüan	30
		Hsi Ying	40
	Penchowfu		130
		Total	9220

Respectfully Submitted,
J. J. Atwood,
Compiler Annual Med. Report.

Filed July 30-1898

Report of the Treasurer of the Shansi Mission 1897.

A comparative statement of the appropriations & expenditures of the year.

Appropriations			Expenditures		
Taiku	Salaries	$3999.25	Taiku	Salaries	$3633.48
Fenchowfu	"	2332.25	Fenchowfu	"	2375.00
Jen Bum	"	1272.75	Jen Bum	"	283.14
	Total	7604.25		Total	6291.62
Taiku	Teachers	75.00	Taiku	Teachers	55.02
Taiku	General Work	722.30	Taiku	General Work	734.44
Fenchowfu	" "	560.07	Fenchowfu	" "	607.24
Jen Bum	" "	126.63	Jen Bum	" "	62.32
	Total	1404.00		Total	1404.00
	Grand Total	9083.25		Grand Total	7707.39
				Surplus	1375.86
		9083.25			9083.25

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Only one grant was made by the Board during the year — one thousand dollars for the purchase & coalling in of a building site for Paikin.

The various funds in hand at the close of the year are as follows.

The Paikin Building Fund		$1524.02
" Jinrickisha	"	28.10
" Press	"	124.06

The treasurer would recommend that some disposition of the Press fund be made at this annual meeting.

The difficulty of running an expanding work on reduced appropriations was hard to settle. How to make .56 cents do the work of a $1.00 was indeed a difficult problem. Hard as that was the still more difficult problem confronts us for 1898 of how to make 46 cents do the work of $1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. Williams.

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Report of Committee on Examinations of Members in the Chinese Language.

Dear Brethren,

Your Committee desire to submit the following Report for 1897.

Miss M. L. Partridge is the only one who has passed any examination during the past year. During the Summer she wrote out the papers for the second full years work of the course adopted by the Mission. These were forwarded to Mr. Sowerby of the E.B.M. who carefully examined them & returned them to the Committee showing an average grade of 90 2/3 per cent. Miss Partridge was highly commended by the examiner for her intelligent & thorough grasp of the Chinese language as indicated by the papers & this the Committee is glad to mark & emphasize & we trust the whole course will be completed by her in the near future.

It seems to the Committee that the Mission has become too lax in this most important matter & needs to brace up a little. We would remind those that have not yet finished this work that it is not only a rule of the Mission but of the Board as well, that each member who joined the Mission after its adoption, which with was was 1888) should pass a satisfactory

examination on a prescribed course of Chinese Study. This rule has never been rescinded & hence is still in force, tho practically ignored after the first one or two exams - by most of the mission. It seems to us this is making a farce of an exceedingly important part of our duty & hence we desire to make the following recommendation. viz:

That the Com. on examination of new members in the Chinese Language each year in making its report give the names of those members who are subject to the rule requiring exams & also the reasons why the examinations have not been taken.

This recommendation is made for the purpose of "storing up your pure minds by way of remembrance" of this important duty & because at least one member of the Committee feels that the greatest mistake of his missionary life was the failure to pursue a specified & systematic course of study & the only reason why he did not do so, was because it was not required of him.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Examinations { D. H. Clapp

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Report of Shansi Mission Depository
1897.

The compiler of this report is very desirous that the full Bible & tract work of the mission shall be presented each year to the mission that we may as fast as possible enlarge our borders & be enabled to make increasingly large sales of books from year to year.

The following are some of the principal items of interest connected with this work for the year 1897.

In Taiku altho there were no colporteurs in the employ of the station, two or three Xns have occasionally taken books & tracts to theaters & fairs to sell & tried thus to spread the Gospel. They have not been paid a salary but have been given ½ the amount of their sales which has rarely ever paid them 100 cash a day & generally not more than 50 or 60 cash.

When Mr. Clapp made a tour to Heiang Jian hsien last fall, Mr. Lin & Mr. Liang who had charge of the opium refuge in that region often went to the fair which was held during a part of the time & also went out on market-days to preach & sell books. In this way several

hundred of the cheaper sort - were disposed of but the people are very poor & very much besotted with opium - so it is almost impossible to sell a book whose price is above 10 cash.

The following is a brief summary of the sales made at Taikw.

Bible & portions 255, value $12.07

Other books & tracts 1254, value 1200 3 cash.

Besides the above Mr. Hall has sold some 1200 Testaments, portions & other tracts. The amount realized from these sales has not been reported.

The Bible & tract work in 1897 at Fenchow fu was carried on altogether by the missionary. The book case is located in the waiting room of the medical dispensary & the crowds that come on clinic days were solicited to buy books & all visitors have had free access to a view & examination of the contents.

There has been a considerable demand for literary & scientific books and this demand will doubtless increase as

as time goes on.

The church members & probationers are all expected to own their own Testament & hymn book & to buy commentaries & helpful tracts.

The total amount realized from sales was 37125 cash.

The number of books sold in Gen P's sum-
ma was very small the past year, owing to the
lack of workers. We can hope for a
report of increased sales the present year.

In conclusion, I would recommend
that, with the consent of the Prudential
Committee, the balance of the Press
Fund, $124.06, be turned over to the
Mission depositary to be used in the
purchase of stock for this very important
work.

Respectfully submitted,
E. R. Atwater.

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Fenchowfu Annual Report for the Year 1898

The year 1898 at Fenchowfu will be remembered in the future as the point of time when the work of previous years took shape in the organization of the body of baptized believers into a church. It was with great ~~dif~~ hesitation that we took the step, lest it should prove that the foundation was still too weak to build upon. The roll, however, showed a good number who had been connected with us for several years, the residuum of a still larger number who had not continued with us. Including 12 who had been baptized at the Chinese New Year's, Feb. of our year, 44 had received baptism since 1893; - those converts of previous years, a small number, having fallen away. Of this number who had received baptism, 2 were connected with the Pikiu work, 6 had been disciplined & others might be detained by sickness. But there seemed to be a sufficient number of those who could be counted upon still remaining to warrant a forward step. Invitations were accordingly sent to our fellow missionaries at Paikiu & Fenchowfu to take part

in the service of organization & to select representatives from the native Christians also. As the annual meeting of the Mission was to be held this year at Fenchowfu, the time of organization naturally occurred at this time. On Sunday, April 10th, out of a possible 36, 30 baptized Christians assembled, 2 being detained by sickness & 4 by their age or distance from the city. The Apostles Creed & a practical covenant of six articles had previously been decided upon. The assembled Christians gave their assent to them and were received into Christian fellowship. At the afternoon service a deacon & a clerk were selected and the Church at Fenchowfu was established as an organized body.

Since the organization of the Church in April, 4 others were added by baptism, making a total of 16 for the year. These with the others, baptized but not present at the organization of the Church, whose names will be added when they can make a public assent to the creed & covenant, made the membership at the close of the year about 40.

The total number received on probation during the year was 48, a larger number than in any

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previous year. We are glad to note that 12 of this number have never taken opium. Among them are two or three of more than ordinary earnestness. One of them is Mr. Lu, for a short time teacher of the Boys' Boarding school. Previous to his conversion he had been living a self righteous life & had been known as a man of virtue in his village. But after his conversion all his self-righteousness became to him as filthy rags. He has seemed to live under a sense of unworthiness & to have a lively sense of his previous state of sin. He never ceases to express his wonder at the sublimity & vastness of the plan of salvation. Another one is Mr. Chang, a young mill hand. He wandered or was rather guided thither by a higher power into church, & has has never ceased to show the most earnest desire to know the truth. We expect him to be the means of saving others.

After considerable consultation it was decided to open two opium refuges both of them in villages situated west of Tienchowfu. One at Yang Ch'uan, 13 miles distant, where Wang Hsi mien, our deacon lives; the second at Lin Lin Chen, 80 miles distant, only a few miles

from the Yellow River. The first village lies on the side of a mountain gorge & has only a mountain population to draw upon; the other is on a more extended plain, is itself a place of business activity and several large & prosperous market villages are near at hand.

The refuge at Yang Ch'uan has not proved as successful as we had hoped. It has nevertheless enabled us to present the claims of the Gospel to people who have had very vague ideas of the foreigner & great fear of him too. No impression whatever was made upon them the past winter measured by conversions. But as in the case of the farmer, results in the harvest, must first be anticipated by preparing the ground & by seed sowing. It has been decided to continue there one more winter before giving up the work as hopeless. The village is dominated by a bully, who is the head of the village council. Very few, except Wang hsi mien, dare oppose him. He has twice prosecuted Wang hsi mien, at Fen chou fu, for not paying temple taxes, although he is his own relative.

The refuge at Lien Lin Chen has proved much more successful both in regard to numbers rescued from opium & to the influence it has

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exercised upon the community. This is in part due to Mr. Hang's more conspicuous powers of persuasion as compared with Mr. Liu, the head of the refuge at Yang Ch'uan. Having in past years largely supported himself by the ill-gotten gains of fortune telling, it still remains to be seen whether he has been born again & can hold a straight course in the ministry of the Word. If he has no fatal weakness in his character, he will do much good for the master. As a result of his winter's work, he returned to Ten Chow for bringing the names of 21 men who sent greetings to the church. Many of these men are prominent in the community. Of these Dr. Atwood on a visit there had taken four on probation. The others were still inclined to take longer time for consideration before reaching a final decision. Let us pray that the Spirit of God may find an abundant entrance into their hearts & that his kingdom may be established in their midst.

Other out stations have not as yet been discovered. More zeal for Christ among the

converts will doubtless produce them.

More extensive touring was done this year than during 1897. Mr. Price during the course of the year visited 35 villages within a radius of 15 li from the city, preaching on the street & distributing tracts. Tours

Dr. Atwood made two visits to Lin Lin Chen as well as two to Kuai lin ti.

One very encouraging feature to the writer of this report in connection with his touring was the way in which several of the Church members bore him company, freely giving their time & in part paying their own expenses. Wang hsi nien, the deacon, Lei hsien sheng, the clerk, & Chang ming jui, a church member, at one time or another assisted in the good work. Seven tours were made of one, two & three days duration. The good results of these trips were very much increased by their company & we can doubtless depend upon it in time to come.

One of the principal features of the year's work was the evident deepening of the spiritual life of the church. Several have had a much more quickened sense of their sins & of the hope of salvation than at any previous time. They are Deepening of Spiritual Life

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this being prepared to bear the message of salvation to their own people. On one occasion at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the great truth of the sacrifice of Christ so came home to the hearts of the people that many were deeply moved & Mr Lei was affected to tears. On another occasion Mr. Han & Mr. Wang were similarly touched.

The services on Sunday include Sunday School at 10:00 A.M.; preaching at 11:00 & prayer meeting at 12:00 noon. This prayer meeting at which all the church are present has been a great means of grace & is helping to unify the Church. I should not hesitate to recommend this plan for the Church in America especially in country districts where the families are scattered. More & more it is hoped to make the Sunday prayer meeting a place where all may find grace to help in time of need. U R P.

During the year a further step was taken towards self support by conducting a self supporting station class for men. All who could were urged to be present for a two weeks study of the Bible. The men were to provide

Self Support

Deepening of Spiritual Life

fire & cooking utensils & a cook. The largest number present at any time was seven. Altogether some 12 men spent a week or longer in study. It was found that poverty & business cares kept a number away who would gladly have attended. We have a great desire that all who are intending to unite with the Church by baptism should first attend such a station class. And one who cannot give a sufficient time to such study should be given a longer time on probation.

During the year there was an increase in Church collections & in the sales of books, the total amount of each being $13.54 & $45.26 respectively. The book room at Tien Chowfu is now well supplied but we feel the Coup d'etat at Peking. However the Church members are buying Christian books in an encouraging way. The revolution only effects a certain class.

copy The way in which the Church members united in decorating the Church for Christmas was a pleasant incident of the years work.

omit The missionaries had been in doubt as to what

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to do for the Christmas season. Simply to spend money in a feast did not seem to satisfy & yet there seemed so little else possible. However the decoration of the Church was suggested to several members & the idea seemed to take hold upon them. There were only a few days to spare but the time was well used [cypress] Arbor vitae & pine branches were gotten from the hills, a bower was made over the pulpit, the windows were outlined with green, lanterns & mottoes heightened the effect until the church was quite transformed. Very few churches in the home land could excell us. A great deal of work was freely given. The last the night before the 25th, several of them worked until the small hours to put the finishing touches in. When the candles were lighted on Xmas night all the church members were there to enjoy it & numbers from the city also.] to here The next evening the church was again lighted up but this time the crowd became too large for safety. The whole dispensary court was filled as well as the church & the people came in

in carts. After some hesitation the lamps were extinguished but not until some time had passed was the yard cleared. The Church members went away saying that next year when they had more time they would do better still.

On Dec. 24th occurred the first Christian funeral conducted in Fenchoufu. The mother of Mr. Liang one of our church members, was buried without any heathen rites. Considerable opposition was aroused but nothing serious occurred. It was the occasion for the display of helpfulness on the part of Church members. The Church clerk took his place in the house to receive & keep an account of the money & articles usually contributed at the time. And others helped in various ways. The presence of so many Christians made it much easier for Mr. Liang to carry out his plans. This occasion as well as the time of three xn weddings occurring during the year was used to proclaim the gospel to the people.

Thankful to God that we can record these indications of growth & yet realizing how slight is the progress made towards the goal — the final triumph of the cross — we ask for God's blessing upon the work already done that it may bear fruit in the years to come to His honor & glory.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. Ahrens.

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Report of Fenchowfu Boys' School for the 1/2 year ending Dec. 31st 1898.

School opened Sept 4th
" Closed Dec 31st
No. of days in session 118
Highest no. in attendence 13
average " 9 1/2

Cost for 4 months
for provisions $34.96
Repairs, Supplies, Cooks wages, Teacher's salary & 82.10
Total $117.06

Collected for Board $11.51
Gift of Rev. M. L. Stimson 9.80 21.31
Net Cost $95.75

The school was not opened immediately after Chinese New Year which in part accounts for the small attendance.

Branches taught;
Arithmetic, Geography, O.T. History, Gospels, Life of Christ, Catechism, San tzu Ching & Chinese Classics.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. Price.

Report for the year 1884.

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Medical Report of Fen-chou Fu Station 1898.

The number of dispensary treatments 4079
" " opium patients treated 169
" " in-patients (about) 60
30 important surgical operations 4308

The saying "It never rains but it pours" was again illustrated this year as last tho in a different way. Last year we had three important amputations to perform within a week; this year three cases of fracture presented in about as short a time. One case was that of a man who fell over a precipice while gathering brushwood, & had compound fracture of the middle third of the humerus, and lay out all night before he was found, being senseless & not able to call anyone. The second was the case of a girl, 12 years old, who was playing 'pack saddle' with two companions who fell over her, & broke the femur, just outside the capsule. The third case was that of a man (carter) whose great cart ran over his leg just above the knee, breaking the bone, tearing

not cutting the tissues, The evidences were, on inquiring a little into his history, that he was so 'tough' a case, that it required a good deal to injure him. He was unwilling to give up his opium habit for the privilege of entering the hospital, so a place was found outside. We inquired for his wife, but he said he had sold her, & smoked up the proceeds. He had no friend to wait on him, so a beggar was given a few cash to attend him This case was doing well when last heard from, & the others made good recoveries.

There were many interesting cases during the year, but will not take time to rehearse them, but will speak briefly of some of the signs of progress during the eight years since the opening of the hospital in Fen cho Fu

In point of numbers there has been steady growth. Our object has not been to do a large work, but to make the best use of the work done for evangelistic purposes

The work has not been advertized, except as it has advertized itself, & those cured or benefitted have brought in their friends

There have been ups & downs for various reasons; but on the whole, during the eight years, the number has increased at the average rate of 500 a year. So that from a few hundred in 1891, the number in '98 is over four thousand.

In all this time, the number of opium habitues that have been helped to break off the habit is nearly a thousand, & the number of attempted suicides cases saved is estimated at not less than 200.

There has been progress during this time in the matter of confidence. Eight years ago most of the people were so superstitious and suspicious of us, that they would not take the medicines they carried away; but now we never hear of a case that has failed to take the medicine on account of fear. The medicines are taken almost always now, according to directions, & there is less difficulty in understanding the foreign language, as they are at length convinced that they are human beings.

There has been very much improvement in the matter of first help i.e. in case of accident or injury, they have learned to come to us immediately after the accident for help, instead of going the rounds of the native fraternity first, & then coming to us after their cases have become hopeless through malpractice. The improvement in this respect is encouraging.

But most encouraging of all because it is the only object for which the medical work exists, is the increasing number of those who have come to believe in the truth as it is in Jesus. Our hearts have been very greatly encouraged in this regard, & we thank the Lord of the harvest for his blessing upon us, for without it the work would be a failure.

During '98 an effort was made to establish opium refuges at out stations; but only at two places has any measure of success been attained, viz. at Yang-Ch'uan & at Liu-Lin-Chen. The latter is a large market-town 240 li west of the city, &

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within 40 li of the Yellow River. Here a court was rented, & a refuge opened & in all 42 men & women (6 women) were helped to break off the opium habit. Out of this number 21 have asked to be taken on probation — all men of means & good standing in the town. Some of the spirit of this movement is really anti-Catholic no doubt, & yet it would be rash to assert that this is the sole motive in the case of any of the men. The work should be followed up. & these men instructed. Mr Han has evidently done faithful work up to the measure of his ability. Mr Chia who owns & works the only coal-mine in the place, has employed Mr Wu as account-keeper and (it is reported) expects him to preach the Gospel to the miners. This must in the future become one of the most important mining regions of the province. Iron-ore in wonderful profusion, coal, & limestone lie in juxtaposition near the 3 market towns of Ching-Lung-Chen

Shu-Kou, & Liu-Lin-Chen, while as very large & thriving town. Mu-t'sun lies to the south. Financially this refuge might be made successful as the one here took in receipts for fees & medicines to the amt of 200 tiao, while the expenses & the wages of 2 men was about 212 tiao. The expenses for rent & repairs need not be so high the 2nd year. The refuge at Yang-Ch'uan, 40 li from Fen-chou Fu was not really opened until the last three months of the year, owing to obstruction of the proprietor of the place rented, who would not give possession at the time promised. Still the finances were not so discouraging as might be expected & another year we shall expect better things. The evidences here have been from 20 to 120 on Sunday. Mr Lou bids fair to make a steady & faithful preacher of the truth. He has been doing good work here. Thanks are due both Mr. Price and Mr. Atwater for their visits here & for their invaluable help among

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the hospital & dispensary patients. With humble thanks to the Lord of the harvest for the blessed opportunity of doing even a little in his vineyard this is respectfully submitted. —

I. J. Atwood

[illegible] 500 copies of tracts were disposed of from [illegible] the Boxer Chinese with a few exceptions, as a rule it is impossible to collect back at the rate in each case having a gospel on the front of the Bible was sold. A few hundred calendars were ordered at the meeting, proved very popular, partly because they are less than the paper sensible from other factors & hence fairnish a cheap material for window [illegible]. At least that is the explanation that has been offered by a correspondent. Chinese character of the three characters the price has been advanced from four cash to six cash per copy & since then the sales have slightly increased.

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Medical Report

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Report of Jen Pu Station
for the Year 1898.

Nothing of importance occurred in connection with the work here in 1898. Visits were made to the surrounding villages as usual. By far the best work was done by Mr. P'ei who made 209 tours during the year, carrying the message to many who could never be reached by a foreigner. The total number of visits was 351 or one for nearly every day in the year.

About 500 cash worth of books were disposed of, comprising chiefly the Three Character Classic with a few catechisms. As a rule it is impossible to sell a book at more than six cash. Not a single gospel or other portion of the Bible was sold. A few hundred calendars were ordered & the natives purchased them quite readily. Probably because they cost less than the paper can be purchased for here & hence furnish cheap material for windows etc. At least that is the explanation that has been offered by a competent Chinese. The price of the Three Character Classic has been advanced from four cash to six cash per copy & since then the sales have slightly increased.

The Junior Y.P.S.C.E. of Jefferson, O. have un-

dertaken to raise most of the money for the support of Mr. P'ui.

Mrs. Thompson returned to the mission in Nov., Mr. Thompson having met her in Tientsin. Mr. T. was thus absent two months from the field at the best possible time of the year for touring. The R. R. having now reached Paoting fu it will be possible to save nearly a fortnight on such a trip. Thus civilization is coming more & more to the help of the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Thompson.

Station for the year 1898.

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Pai Ku Shansi, China, April 18th 1899.

Annual Report of Pai Ku Station for year 1898. Presented April 1899.

Dear Brethren,

I. The Field

The territory naturally covered by this field includes parts of six hsien districts one chou & a large number - probably not less than 500 villages & hamlets. Its greatest length is about 120 miles & breadth 50 miles. Estimated population 1500000.

II. Workers

1. The foreign workers have been Mr. & Mrs. Clapp, Mr. & Mrs. Williams & Miss Partridge during the whole year. Dr. & Mrs. Hall till Nov. 1st when they left for Tientsin on account of Dr. Hall's health. At the same date Miss Bird was gladly welcomed back to her place & work with us, thus making in all eight missionaries who have had part in the service during the year.

The native staff was also eight, distributed as follows: Mr. Liu, teacher & evangelist and Mr. Peng opium refuge worker

located in Taikw. Mr. Pu, evangelist & Mrs. Pu
Mrs Sang after July 1st & Chiao Ké lin, Dr.
Hall's assistants at Li Man. Mr. Lin
opium refuge worker located at Ching
Yüan & Mr. Liang also in opium
refuge in Hsi Ying Chên, Hsiang Yüan
hsien. After Nov 1st Mr. Tsi of Tang Chow
teacher of Taikw school in place of Mr. Liu

III Prospect.

1. The year began as usual with the week of prayer, fairly well attended but with no very marked interest. Several expressed an interest in the truth & ~~expressed a~~ desire to change their lives, some of whom have proven genuine and others not. The last of June 8 persons were baptized who had been on probation the usual period of one year and about 20 were taken on probation. Most of these have shown themselves true men but a few have been a source of anxiety & sorrow rather than confidence & strength.

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2. The problem of how to conduct our work with the means in hand without

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The financial problem.

seriously crippling it has been met & solved by supplimentary contributions from friends in America & members of the mission, so that with the exception of the medical work under the care of Dr. Hall, no debt has been incurred on account of it. For this we are profoundly grateful.

3. The equipment in buildings &c. is as follows: The premises occupied by the station were (1) the two houses formerly occupied by the station on the South Street in Taiku — (2) Three houses occupied by Dr. Hall & his medical work in Li Mau & one by Miss Partridge — all these were rented premises — (3) Besides these a lot containing about 6 english acres lying just outside the South Suburb of Taiku has been purchased from funds granted by the Board for that purpose, & is now being enclosed with a wall. An May last word came from Boston announcing a grant of $2800.00 including what had already been given for a foreign home for Mr. Williams. It was then too late to get materials together cheaply & build a house before winter; hence it was decided to wait

till after the rains had fallen, then build a wall, outbuildings & have the foundations of the foreign house ready to begin work as soon as Spring opened. Only a portion of the wall was built but the foundation of the main house was nearly completed & most of the outhouses built. A large part of the brick & timber & stone for the house were bought & on the ground at the end of the year, thanks to the indefatigable energy & perseverence of Mr. Williams. House

(4) Owing to the cramped quarters in the city & the necessity of securing another house of some sort, diligent search was made for about two months, trying to find a suitable house for one family that could be rented for a time. Plenty of houses were found for sale but no good ones to be rented. At last a small house, (was offered) just north of our lot mentioned above, for sale, at what seemed to us not an extravagant price & this was purchased by Messrs Clapp & Williams personally & fitted up at no great expense for the accommodation of Mr. Williams & family. It is proposed to charge

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the Board rent for the place till it is paid for, or till some other disposition can be made of it.

Besides these - a house has been leased & repaired by the Pun Fang Christians at a cost of about 75000 cash. In the early parts of the year it became evident that large accommodations must be provided for the growing work there. They appealed to the foreigners for help to secure a house which could be used for church & school together. They were told to find a suitable house & raise what they could & we would help them, though the place must not be too expensive. The house finally selected was leased for 70000 cash & they raised about half of it including 10000 voted by the Taiku church. The foreigners subscribed the balance. The Christians there spent some money & considerable time repairing & furnishing it, so that now they have a good place on the principal street capable of seating 150 people besides inner rooms for school. Another part of the premises leased but not repaired will

make a fine Chapel for the women's work there & as soon as they are able they expect to put it in good repair for that purpose.

IV Departments of work.

A. Evangelistic.

A. 1. Sabbath Services.

These have been regularly held throughout the year in the following places: Paku City Chapel with an average attendance throughout the year (except in Summer when families were absent) of 75: Pun Fang - two places - average attendance at men's Chapel 30; women's 10. Ch'ê Wang 10. Ch'ing Yüan - two places - (1) West Suburb Refuge 10 to 15 (except in Summer when refuge was not running). (2) Village of Nan Ching tui 15 to 20 throughout the year. Li Man reported elsewhere. Hsi Ying Chên 10 to 12 for 8 months. Besides regular services were held on Sunday at Huai Jen conducted by the Wang brothers in their own house & occasional visits were made by foreigners on week days. At Nan Chang P'in owing to lack of helpers the service was held on

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Each Wednesday in Mr. Yao's house. But during the Summer when School was not in session the service was held on the Sabbath.

2. Touring – This consisted mainly of visits made to the outstations of which there are six regularly occupied – as time & opportunity permitted.

(1) In the early part of the year Messrs Clapp & Liu alternated in making bi weekly visits to Li Nian to assist Dr. Hall in the work among the hospital & opium patients. But owing to the visit of Mr. Williams & Mr. Liu to the coast in May & June, this was discontinued & not resumed in the fall because of the fewness of patients.

(2) Frequent visits were made to Ch'ing Yüan & there seemed to be growth & progress. In the village of Nan ching tsi 18 li S. E. of Ch'ing Yüan, tho there were no baptized members till the very last of the year, yet those who called themselves Jesus there met twice daily for prayers in the house of one of their number & on Sabbath they held two services usually led by the man in whose house they met.

Sometimes Mr. Lin, the helper in the o. p. went up & preached for them, only one visit was made by the pastor on Sunday but a number on week days. Miss Partridge also visited the women several times — a report of which she will give in her Report of Woman's work.

(3) Two brief visits were made by the male members of the station to Hsi Ying Chên, 80 miles to the S.E. of Pai Ku. Mr. Clapp's visit was in June & tho the weather was hot & the time at command short, several villages were visited & one fair attended. At that time the helper's wife & aunt were staying with him in the refuge & 9 women were being treated. We heard later that nearly all of them went back to the habit by the end of the year. On this visit the year old child of the helper was baptized; tho the mother is not a church member, she seemed to be glad to have the child baptized & stood up with her husband during the baptismal service & prayer. Hsi Ying

Mr. Williams' visit was in December but owing to cold weather, the little time & some indisposition while there, not much could be done except to give counsel & encouragement to the helper & see that the work was going forward.

Owing to the proximity of this point to C.I.M. work in that region & its comparative inaccessibility to us, it seems wise to some of us to turn this outstation over to that mission & use the force there to develop unoccupied territory nearer our cen-

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ter of operations & farther from that mission. Mr. Liang is a good honest fellow whom we all like but he needs closer oversight than it is possible to give him from this distance.

Liao chow is in this region, is unoccupied by any other mission & it would seem but the part of a wise & prof-
Liao chow per devotion to the field & work of the mission to occupy it at least as an outstation, if not one of the stations of the mission at once, before it is preoccupied by some one else.

3 Delegations

Hsi Yin At the request of Sec'y Smith Dr. Atwood of Fen chou fu & Mr. Williams of Taiku went to Peking in May last to represent
Deputation the mission to the deputation from Boston. The conference with Dr. Smith was helpful & interesting to the brethren who went but the whole mission felt that such a visitation was very unsatisfactory & failed to accomplish what we hoped for & had a right to expect from such a deputation which was sent out on purpose, to visit the missions in China.

Besides this two delegations were sent out during the year from the Taiku Church. Early in the Spring the brethren of Fenchoufu invited the Taiku church to be present by pastor & delegate to assist in organizing the first Church of Fenchoufu. The acting pastor, Rev. D. H. Clapp & Mr. Yang Te Ying were selected & the interesting duty was performed April 8th 1898. A Church of 30 members was formed which has since given good evidence of spiritual life

& growth. About the same time a letter came from the Paotingfu church inviting the churches of the Shansi Mission to send delegates to Paotingfu to assist in the ordination of one of their number to the Christian ministry. Dr. Atwood was chosen from Fenchoufu & Deacon Liu from Taiku & were both present on that occasion, which took place May 29th. The exercises were reported interesting & the examination of the candidate satisfactory & it is hoped & confidently expected that he will prove to be a man called of God to this sacred work. Paoting

4. Opium Refuges —

These continue to be one of our most effective means of spreading gospel truth. Three refuges were in operation during the greater part of the year besides the one in Lihsian under the care of Dr. Hall. In these 137 persons were treated of whom 25 were women. While it is true that a large part of those treated return to the habit after a few months, yet some are permanently cured & give evidence of changed hearts & are leading upright lives. Of the 25 adults received into the church during the year 17 were ex-opium patients. All but one or two of these are as satisfactory as the average Chinese Christian. Opium Refuges

The total running expenses of these refuges not including medicines was $229.00 gold. Receipts from fees $143.00 gold. Deficit $86.00. The main reason for this deficit

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is that the helpers have to be paid for the whole time, while the Refuge can be in actual operation only about 7 or 8 months. The numerous evil reports afloat last fall also kept many away from the refuges, so that the deficit in receipts was nearly double what it otherwise would have been. The patients were all carefully & systematically taught while they were with us & thus the knowledge of the truth is being widely spread & many seeds of gospel truth sown, which is sure to bear fruit hereafter, when God's time comes for the thorough renovation of China.

5. Station Classes.

Three of these were conducted during the year. The first was in Jan. & Feb. A class of 12 men was gathered & taught for two weeks; Mr. Lin taking them part of the day & Mr. Clapp a part. Besides these Mr. Williams met with them nearly every day & taught music i.e. tried to train them to sing hymns correctly. The mission furnished rooms & fuel & a cook & the students boarded themselves. In July a class, all but one of them helpers either in Taiku or Jei Bum was gathered in Jei Bum & taught for a month. They were taken through the book of Acts by the foreign teacher & through a book on Christian Doctrine by Dr. Faber by the Chinese teacher Mr. Lin; also through some selections from Old & New Test-

aments bearing on the Divinity of Christ. This Class seemed to accomplish in good degree the desired end as well as being profitable & interesting at the time. In the late fall & early winter another class consisting mostly of teachers & those who had a considerable knowledge of the Chinese Character was taught for several weeks by Mr. Clapp & Mr. Lin. This work for a time bid fair to be most promising & helpful but was finally greatly marred & rendered nearly a quite null by jealousies that sprang up between themselves & other workers on the place. This was a sore trial for us for a time & we feared it might result in the withdrawal from the work of one or two of our best native workers. But we believe in answer to earnest prayer this evil spirit was cast out & peace & harmony again prevailed.

B. Medical Work.

This is reported elsewhere by Dr. Hall but it is in place here to say that the evangelistic part of it was in the hands of Mr. Pu, formerly opium refuge assistant at Ch'ing Yüan & Dr. Hall expressed himself as well pleased with his work. Since the Dr's withdrawal, one man, who was for several weeks Dr. Hall's patient in the hospital, was taken on probation. One other who had been an opium user but claimed to have broken off by himself asked to be taken on at the same time but

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was requested to wait the usual year after leaving off the habit as a test of sincerity. He has since then spent several weeks studying in Li Nsan & was visited once or twice at his home & so far as we knew is hopeful. A Report was sent to Dr. Hall of the work done by Mr. & Mrs. Sang after he left to the end of the year which I suppose will appear in his annual Report.

C. Educational.

Tho a separate & complete Report of this work will appear elsewhere it is in place here to speak of it in a general way. We still believe it is a good thing to educate the boys of Xn parents even tho the most of them do not turn out to be Xn helpers & teachers. The Boarding School has continued along the old line in respect to management & expenses. The question of making an advance in charges for food has come up once or twice - but no definite action has been taken. It is hoped however as soon as the present teacher has thoroughly established himself in the confidence & esteem of the patrons of the school that a charge for tuition will be made besides that for food.

V. Results.

1. Converts.

Including poor child, 31 baptisms were recorded

during the year & about 40 taken on probation. Of those baptized 8 were women - all with families.

Xmas was quite a happy day. The Xns were invited to come & spend the day with us & it being near the time for the baptisms to take place we decided to have them then & to hold a communion service & other special exercises. The people came on Saturday & provided themselves a feast - the foreigners paying but 2000 cash on it besides the expense of keeping them over Sunday.

Xmas eve the school boys & others rendered a pleasing program of recitations, speeches & songs which was highly appreciated by the audience. A vigorous Xmas sermon was preached Xmas morning by Mr. Lin & in the p. m. 22 were baptized including 5 school boys. The evening was given to the communion which seemed interesting & impressive. Thus ended one of the happiest Xmas seasons we have had in the history of the station.

An interesting incident is noted in this connection. Three of the candidates were father, mother & son - the former of whom was mentioned in the report of last year as the noted gambler of Pun

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fang, tsun: It was a contrast between the present & former times, which the father noted with tears in his eyes. Three years ago he & his wife were ~~taking~~ opium eaters & gamblers & were fast going down the hill of the dissolute. Now they are all going up the heavenly road together & rejoicing in the new life & hope that has come to them all. The boy is one of the brightest & best boys in the Taiku school & the father a man respected both among the foreigners & Chinese for his probity & good sense.

2. Self Support

For Church expenses there was contributed wholly by natives $9.20

" Education " 79.44

" Building & repairs " 13.70

U. S. gold $102.34.

Church contributions & expenses.

The running expenses of the chapels at Taiku Tunfang & Che wang were entirely met by contributions in money & time, so that they cost the mission nothing. In two other places the meetings were held in opium refuges & the expenses were paid from that work as indicated above. In other places services were in private houses & so of course were free.

3. Health

The health of the members of the station has been various. Mrs. Williams suffered severely during the first part of the year, so that at one time it was thought it would be necessary for her to return home on that account. In the fall & winter she was much better & she decided to remain another year — for which we are very thankful. Mrs Clapp had two or three attacks of dysentery in the early summer but they soon yielded to treatment & she has been well since. In Oct. Dr. Hall announced that he was afflicted by a serious malady, Diabetes Mellitus, which would necessitate his going at once to the Coast for treatment. At the suggestion of other members he asked Dr. Edwards to visit him & give him a certificate of ill health — which was granted & he left us about the first of Nov. It seems unfortunate for us to be without a physician but we are grateful to record that the general health of the station has on the whole been better since the doctor left than before. This does not mean that Drs are no good but only that our Kind Heavenly Father has cared for us in a special way. Perhaps also we should learn to trust him more & medicine less for good health.

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Annual Report of Taiku station School work for the year beginning Feb. 26th 1898, ending Feb 12th 1899.

II Boarding School

The first session of Taiku Boys Boarding School opened Feb. 26th 1898 & ended June 1st 1898. The second session opened Sept. 18th & ended Feb 12th 1898 - in all 8½ months.

The whole number of pupils enrolled during the year was 24, 19 of whom are from Christian families. At the close of the year the number of pupils enrolled 19, sixteen of whom were from Christian families. When the school was established, there were no native Christians about us, and the constituency of the school was wholly heathen & the number of pupils was much larger than now. Since the Word is multiplied & souls are saved and a Church established, our object is, to make it as far as possible a Christian school. While we have allowed those from heathen families who were already in the school to remain; for the past two years, applications outside of church members or adherents have been steadily refused with the exception of one pupil who paid the full amount for food.

From the beginning, the rules for partial self support

have been promptly & cheerfully complied with. Pupils have furnished their own clothing, Chinese books & stationery, conveyance from their own homes to Paikiu & return & a sum of money equal to about half the cost of food. The amount paid by pupils during the year was 113,880 cash = $67.82.

The foreign teacher was ill & unable to finish the Spring term of school. Mr. Price kindly released Mr. Lin Ch'eng Lung from his duties at Pen Chou fu to help us through the term. He did good efficient work for a month, after which the school was closed through the heat of summer, when pupils, teachers, & preachers with their families made a "hegira" to villages beyond, seeking relief from the scorching heat & impure air of a Chinese city. In Sept. the work was resumed by Mrs. Claff & Evangelist Lin. The latter teaching only the Chinese classics. Early in Nov. we were happy to greet Miss Bird fresh from the home land. At the same time a long deferred hope was realized, by the arrival of a young Pung Chow graduate for a teacher in the school. Soon after their arrival, Mr Hsi from Pung Chow & Miss Bird took charge of the school. The young man is well trained earnest, conscientious & consecrated and we bespeak for him success in his work as a teacher.

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Comparing the work of the school with the catalog of the North China Academy at Peng Chow two have finished the five years Station School work & Academy 1st year & next year would be classed as Academy 2nd year. Five have finished the five years Station School work & next year would be classed in academy 1st year. And we start the new year with 7 pupils in Academy work - all others are in different grades of Station School work. This year more attention is given to Composition, music & Explanation of the Chinese Classics than formerly. The Tonic Sol fa system of music has been introduced with success.

A Christian Endeavor Society was organized three years ago. The membership is 15 with a general attendance of 25. The Spiritual condition of the school is better than last year & there seems to be a marked growth of Christian character. Eight of the pupils have united with the Church & others have made a Christian profession.

II Village Schools.

A Christian school was opened in Pan Tiang last year (1887). This was a thought of

the native Christians & the support was mostly from Christians in Taiku & Pun Tang. 1060 cash = $.63 a month was given by foreigners. This applied on the salary of the teacher. Nothing was paid from Mission funds. The people selected a Christian from their own village for teacher. Although he is not a "hsiu t'ai (a man with a degree) he is capable of teaching an elementary school and gave very good satisfaction to the patrons. They have engaged him for another year at advanced salary.

The school was visited once or twice a month by foreigners and the boys were examined in their work. Number of pupils enrolled 18 but there were only about 12 in regular attendance.

The people of two other villages have begged us to supply them with Christian teachers, promising to do all they could toward their support but no suitable teacher could be recommended. I am glad to say that for the current year both these places have Christian schools and one is wholly independent of the mission.

One boy from this station is supported in Pungchow & because we had no Girls School, four girls were sent to the school in Tai Yüenfu during the year.

Faithfully Submitted
Mrs. J. R. Clapp.

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Report of Hospital & Dispensary Paikin Station for the eight months ending Aug. 31st.

Hospital

Whole number of patients admitted	52
" " " " Opium refuge	36
" " Attendants	37
" " Children	21
Total	146

Dispensary

Whole number of patients — Male	1603
" " " Female	548
" " " Opium Refuge	36
Registered	2187
" " Visits, after first	605
Total	2792

General Summary

Hospital

Year	Male	Female	Opium Refuge M	Opium Refuge F	Attendants	Children	Total
1894	3				2	1	6
1895	29	19			8	5	61
1896	167	104	57	19	27	21	395
1897	128	75	123	40	89	92	547
1898	36	16	27	9	37	21	146
	363	214	207	68	163	140	1155

General Summary

Dispensary

1894	New, 88, —	Old, 29, —	Total	117
1895	" 457, —	" 162, —	"	619
1896	" 1868, —	" 473, —	"	2341
1897	" 3277, —	" 1259, —	"	4536
1898	" 2187, —	" 605, —	"	2792
	" 7877	" 2528,	Total	10406

The Hospital & Dispensary were closed for one month at Chinese New Year's. No patients were admitted to Hospital after June 30. We planned to open Hospital to all patients the first of Sept. but I was not physically able to do the work. Only the most urgent (important) cases were admitted to Hospital — our only plan for reducing expense was to positively refuse to receive patients.

The evangelists have been persevering & faithful. The seed has been sown — some will fall on good ground.

The coming of Mrs. Sang in June & her aptitude for the work, softened in a wonderful degree our poignant grief at our unavoidable retirement from the field. She has

been tried & was <u>not</u> found wanting. Gentle, loving, competent, willing, she deserves our support. The future holds great possibilities for good from the service of a life so consecrated. She has been in charge of the work since 1st of Sept.

And now, to a service that has been the happiest experience of my life, I must write

Finis.

W. L. Hall.

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Report of Woman's Work of Taiku Station 1898.

The work has proceeded as usual thro the year, steadily, with no alarming increase of interest at any time, but still an increase. The Christians have grown in grace and outsiders have been drawn in & officers have become more bitter which is always a good sign.

Twenty three villages have been worked, some very slightly, Six of these are new, have of them visited in following up opium patients. Three, Pan Fang, Ch'ê Wang, & Li Nan are outstations having regular Sunday services. These villages are all on the plain. In the hills, a group of five or six villages has been reached by the natives, some of which were also reached by the foreigner.

New rooms for a station class were prepared at Li Nan and as soon as they were ready a class was opened. Women & girls, including the women employed by foreigners, counted seventeen; all of whom made advance in knowledge of the Gospel as well as in recognition of character. The lack of a native teacher was a serious drawback & made the amount accomplished much less. As a result of the delay in preparation of the rooms, the weather was so warm that the women scattered before the month was quite up.

In September a trip of sixteen days was made to the hills. Six of these were spent on the road. Oh, such days!

Oh, such a road! Going up one way which was said to be a very hard road, far too hard for fairy feminine feet, even on horseback, the trip was made in two full days and, tho hard, was delightful. But the return trip, by a big road - big with repressed possibilities, occupied four days & was one horror of mud & length with no relief from the hard ships of the shorter way. It is trying to the nerves to hang suspended on the edge of a precipice with your heart in your mouth, unless the view is enough to compensate.

Out of the ten days spent at the village home of the helper in Hsi Ying, six were rainy, not drizzly, but pouring rainy days. This was a great disappointment as it prevented extensive visiting. But most of the opium women were visited & one or two villages where some little interest had arisen. Much help was given to the wife of the helper, a very sweet little woman, a simple loving Christian. And arrangements were made to return when another woman's opium class was opened.

In November the Williams removed from the city to the South Suburb & a new center of work was at once opened around them. Large numbers of women called, sometimes in a steady stream for several days; sometimes returning again to bring friends; never, without having the Gospel preached to them. The women seem of a different class from most of those with whom we have come in contact. They are bright, friendly & interesting. There are many girls, who can we hope be reached. Altogether the site of our new

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premises seems to be in a pleasant neighborhood & we look forward with delight to the time when we can all be together there in healthful convenient homes.

The return of Miss Bird early in Nov. was a great joy to all. Her coming relieved Mrs. Clapp from teaching & gave her time to devote to the women. More calls have thus been made in the city & suburb than ever before, regular teaching being commenced in the suburb. Miss Bird, besides the work in the school, visits two villages alternately once a week. Three of the women taken on probation last year were received into the church at Christmas. The two brides were not allowed to take the step on account of their mother-in-laws & the gambler is wedded to his gambling & opium. She was so enraged at not receiving an invitation to the festivities that she cursed the foreigners smartly & said she should pull up her idols at New Year's. Some few women have expressed a desire to be taken on probation but none were received during the year.

Next to Pun Tiang, of which much has been written as our most promising outstation, comes Nan Ch'ing tui. A tiny village of tillers of the soil, the men seem honest & earnest in their profession & are strong enough in numbers & influence to dominate the village so that persecution is reduced to a minimum. The village temple is in ruins, before long it may be leveled to the ground. The woman

are not yet as hopeful as the men as their strength will is not equal to leaving their opium. But they are in sympathy with their husbands or at least do not oppose them & when the love of Christ becomes more real to them, they must gladly do it for His sake.

One of the members of the station class, wife of a church member, employed in a food shop in the city, invited us to visit her home & so opened a new village among a bright class of women from which much is to be hoped.

The little blind woman at Putai Chuang who was cured in the hospital is in great need unable to get off the K'ang, the room so mean & untidy. Her husband was sick all during the harvest & so left the harvest most destitute. No food, no fuel, sick & almost naked. They understood much of the doctrine when in the hospital but on returning home, when no pecuniary help came from believing they deliberately turned their backs toward God. If they could only see the connection between their misfortune & their denial of the true God.

Several boys were added to the Christian families during the year & one girl to a family already burdened with three girls. The latter was promptly presented to Miss Partridge, the one preceding having been in like manner given to Miss Bird. One baby boy was taken home to heaven after a few weeks & his little body was thrown out in the fields before the pastor reached the home. Such things show the depth of the heathenism from which they

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come & how much instruction they need even after sincere repentence.

One of Mrs. Williams callers said she could not believe this doctrine because we did not use coffins for burial. Mrs. Williams woman waxed indignant. "Why, I guess they do", she said, "they use coffins even for tiny babies."

More wisdom, patience & consecration are needed for this work now than ever before for opposition is stronger & the harvest late. We beseech your earnest prayers for the workers engaged in it.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Partridge.

Report of Woman's Work in Taiku for 1898

Compiled Annual Report:
for the year 1898.

The work at Tainan and Formosa has been carried on along the usual lines, Educational, Evangelistic and Medical. The latter work is reported elsewhere and does not come into this paper.

I Educational.

(1) Tainan Boarding School for Boys.

Opened 1st Session		Feb 26 '98
Closed " "		June 1st '98
Opened 2d " "		Sept 18th '98
Closed " "		Feb. 12, '99.
No of pupils enrolled		24
" from Christian families		19.
Amt. paid by pupils	Gold	$67.82

It is the object, as we have a Christian constituency around us to gather into the school the children of Christians. While those from heathen families who are in the school are allowed to remain, for the last two years all applications outside of church members and adherents have been steadily refused, with the exception of one pupil who paid the full amount of his board.

The pupils furnish their own clothing, Chinese books & stationery, conveyance to & from the school and about one half of the cost of food.

In the fall Miss Bird returned to her work in the school and at the same time a young man from Tung Chow College came to act as teacher of Chinese. Comparing the school with the Course of Study at Tung Chow we find that there are three pupils who would be classed as Academy 2d yr. and five as Academy 1st year.

The Christian Endeavor Society is doing good work and eight pupils from the school unite with the church during the year.

(2) Village School near Taiku.

At the suggestion of the Christians of Tung Tang the Christian school ~~was~~ opened there the previous year which is very nearly self supporting. They rented and repaired a place for both school and chapel at the cost of about 70000 cash, half of which was subscribed by the Christians there & at Taiku.

No. of pupils enrolled in the school	18
Regular Attendants	12.

(3) Fenchow for Boys School.

½ year ending Dec. 31st 1898.

School Opened.	Sept 4th
" Closed	Dec. 31st
No days in session	118
Highest No in Attendance	13.
Average	9½.

Cost for four months.

For Provisions		Gold. $ 37.96
Repairs, Supplies, Teachers Salary & Cooks Wages		$ 82.10
Total.		$ 117.06
Collected for board.	$ 11.57	
Gift by Rev M. L. Stimson	9.80	21.31
Net cost.		$ 95.75

The school was not opened immediately after Chinese New Year which in part accounts for the small attendance.

Branches taught

Arithmetic, Geography, O.T. History, Gospels, Life of Christ, Catechism, "San Tzu Ching" & Chinese Classics.

II. Evangelistic.

This work has been carried on thro' the agencies of the Church Services, Opium Refuges, Touring, and Station Classes.

1. Work has been undertaken in all these lines for women by Miss Partridge, Mrs Clapp & Miss Bird. During the year Miss Partridge visited twenty three villages. Of these six are new and half of them visited in following up opium patients. Three are outstations of Taihu, Tungpang, Chi Wang & Li Kuan.

In the hills a group of five or six villages have been reached by the native, some of which have also been visited by foreigners.

A station class of seventeen women and girls was held at Li Kuan for nearly a month.

In Sept. Miss Partridge made a trip of sixteen days into the hills and spent ten days visiting women who had broken off opium. Extensive visiting in the villages was prevented by heavy rains.

A new and encouraging work has opened in the South Suburb around the home of Mr & Mrs. Williams. Many women come in daily and are very friendly & always hear something of the Gospel.

Miss Bird visits two villages, one each week

and Mrs. Clapp works with the women in the city visits one or more of the surrounding villages each week.

2. General Work at Foochow

Sunday Work. (1) Sunday Services.

These have been regularly held throughout the year, in the following places

		Men	Women
Foochow City Chapel, Av. Attendance			75.
Tung Kang	" "	30.	12.
Che Kang	" "	Both men & women	10
Cheng Kan Hut-Suburb	" "	10 to 15.	
Nan Cheng Tsu	" "	15	20
Hsu Ying Chien		10	12 for 8 mos.
Lu Mau	Reported elsewhere.		

Regular services were held at Kuaytun by the Wang brothers in their own home & occasional visits were made by foreigners. At Nan Cheng Tsu, owing to lack of helpers, the service was held on each Wednesday at the Davis house.

In Apr. delegates were sent by the church to Foochow to the organization of the church there and later to Pastung Fu to the ordination of a native pastor.

No baptized during the year including one child thirty one; No. taken on probation, forty.

Total Amt. contributed during the year $102.34

Of this $9.20 was for running expenses of church
79.44 " for the school.
13.70 " " building & repairs.

Running expenses of the chapel at Tarlu, Tien Tang and Che Wang were entirely met by the contributions in money & time. At two other places the meetings were held in the opium refuges & in still others in private houses & no expense was incurred.

(2) Opium Refuges.

Three Refuges were in operation during the greater part of the year, under the one conducted by Dr Hall at Liuan. In these one hundred and thirty seven persons were treated of whom twenty-five were women. Of the twenty five adults received into the church this year seventeen were ex-opium patients. All but one or two of these are as satisfactory as the average Chinese Christian.

Total running expenses of three refuges, not including medicines $229.00
Sold. 143
Receipts from fees 86.00
Deficit

This deficit is due largely to the fact that the helpers must be paid during the whole year while the refuges can be run only about seven or eight months.

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Touring (3) Touring.

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Has consisted mainly of visits made to the outstations. In the early part of the year Messrs Blapp Williams & Lin alternated making bi-weekly visits to Liuan to assist Dr Hall.

Frequent visits were made to Ching Yuan and there seemed to be growth & progress.

Two brief visits were made to Hsi Ying Chen. Eighty miles south east of Taiku.

Station Classes (4) Station Classes.

First class met in Jan. for two weeks

Second " consisting of helpers met at Jen Tsun in July for a month.

Third class, consisting of teachers & those having a good knowledge of Chinese character, met in the fall.

During the year Miss Bird returned to the mission and Dr Hall & family left on account of his health.

Dr Atwood & Mr Williams went to the coast in the spring to meet Dr. Smith.

The grant of $2800. has enabled Mr. Williams to buy land outside of the city and commence building & it is hoped that ere long the school &

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and their work can all be Shansi, China, 18
moved into these commodious & healthful quarters

3. Work at Fanchow Fu.

Fanchow Fu. (1) Church Service.

Church

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The chief events of the year have been the organization of a church of thirty ~~six~~ members Apr 10th 1898. During the year four were baptized and forty-eight taken on probation twelve of whom had never taken opium. The services on Sunday are Sabbath School at 10:00; Preaching at 11:00 and Prayer meeting at 12:00 Wed. prayer meeting, at which all the church are present has been a great means of grace and in helping to unify the church. One of the principal features of these years work is the evident deepening of the spiritual life of the church. Several have a much more quickened sense of their sins and of the hope of salvation than ever before.

The increase in the sale of books & church collections was also gratifying: the total sum of each being $13.50 and $45.26 respectively.

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Refuges

Besides the Opium refuge at Fanchow fu two others were opened in villages west of Fanchow fu.

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, one at Yang Chuan 13 miles Shansi, China, 18
distant: and one at Lin Lin Chien eighty miles distant.
The former has not proved so satisfactory as it
was hoped it would, but has been the means
of giving a knowledge of the Gospel to some who
otherwise would not have heard it.

The refuge at Lin Lin Chien has proved much
more successful both in regard to numbers
received and to the influence it has exercised
on the community. Mr Han, who is at the
head of this work reported the names of twenty one
who sent greetings to the church — Tien Chou Tien.
Of these Dr Atwood baptized four on probation
and the rest desire to wait a little longer time before
deciding.

(3) Touring.

During the year Mr Price visited thirty five
villages within a radius of fifteen li of the city
, preaching on the street & distributing tracts.

Dr Atwood made two visits to Lin Lin Chien as
well as two to Kuan Lu Ti.

Mr. Atwater made seven tours of one, two or three
days duration.

(4) Station Class

A class of twelve men spent a week or more

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in study, furnishing their own Shansi, China, 18

food.

Tuan The work at Jen Tsun has been visiting villages. Total number ~~visited~~ visits made three hundred fifty one. About five hundred cash worth of books chiefly the Three Character Classic, ~~were~~ sold.

Respectfully Submitted
Della H. Thompson
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Annual Treasurer's Report of Shansi Mission
1898.

Semi-annual accounts, duly audited, showing the moneys received from all sources & the disbursements of the same, together with a balance sheet showing the condition of the Mission Treasury, have been furnished Treasurer Wiggin, according to the Rules of the Board.

The following is a comparative statement of the appropriations & expenditures of the preceding fiscal year.

A. B. C. F. M. in account with Shansi Mission Treasury
Jan - Dec 1898.

To expenditures under appropriations	$8854.91
" " not " "	845.42
" Receipts by Treasurer Am. Bd. for sundry accts	1800.66
" Special grants	500.00
" Balance due A. B. C. F. M.	1767.53
	$13768.52

By Balance from last account	$4004.94
" Bills of exchange	6938.47
" Payments by Treas. Am. Bd. for sundry accts	1680.86
" Mission drafts on Treas. Am. Bd.	1051.22
" Mission credits	92.33
	$13768.52

The special grants for the year were $2800.- for the Williams house at Taiku, the larger part of which account was raised by the student Volunteers of Oberlin, & through the efforts of Mr. & Mrs. Davis & Miss Bird, & $500. for an addition to the Price house at Tien Chowfu.

The tale told by the Ledger Balance so far as the accounts of members goes, compares favorably with former years but is still hardly to the credit of the Mission, the indebtedness to the Board being $883.08.

The Bills of Exchange for the year were sold at Tientsin at an aggregate loss of $61.53. This fact is one argument for having the Treasurer's work done at Tientsin where advantage could be taken of good rate, of exchange for the sale of Bills.

A matter of concern in the mission accounts has been the rapidly increasing Profit & Loss account due almost wholly to the difference in reckoning balances. This account now amounts to $1413.47. The last semi-annual statement shows a reduction however of $84.33, the first reduction for several years. I would suggest that some action be taken at this meeting looking to the correction of this account.

Respectfully submitted,
G. L. Williams.

Annual Report for Tenchowfu Station for the Year 1899.

Force

At the Chinese New Year (Feb.) with much regret we took leave of Dr. & Mrs. Atwood after their residence of nine years in the station. During that time the medical work from small beginnings had grown to a considerable size, tho carried on under great lack of funds. Through the influence of this work the whole region was put in touch with the foreigner & a great change in the attitude of the people resulted. We trust in good time to welcome them again to their work.

Mr. & Mrs. Price & Mr. & Mrs. Atwater continue in their work in the station. Mr. Price in charge of the Boys' Boarding School & Mr. Atwater in charge of the evangelistic work & pastor of the Church.

We desire to call attention again to the absence of young ladies to carry on woman's work. There is without any doubt a good work into which they could enter. Cannot the want be soon supplied?

During the year no serious illness occurred to hinder the work of the station, for which kind providence we are very thankful.

The work carried on by the station during the

past year consisted of the regular church & S. S. services in the new chapel in the city, the Fenchowfu hospital & opium refuge work, the Boys' Boarding school, Colporteurage through the aid of the British & Foreign Bible Society, an outstation & opium refuge at Lin Lin Chen, out station work in several villages where members of the Church reside, station class work in the Fall & at Chinese New Year's & continuous evangelistic evening meetings for the opium & inpatients during the Fall & Winter. The Wo

During the year 1899 the principal forward movement for the station & the mission was the Helper's Class held in Paikw, July 31st to Aug 22nd. The Mission for the first time came to a realizing sense of the amount & calibre of its native evangelistic force. As we noted the spirit of the men & their eager desire for the doctrines presented to them we had a new sense of joy & encouragement. Six men went from Fenchowfu of whom 3 were paid helpers & the rest men who give their time freely to the support of the gospel. The subjects taught were Exegesis of Luke & Sermon Preparation, conducted by Mr. Clapp; Elements of Theology & Advanced Catechism by Mr. Helper Class

Atwater. There was also Instruction in Singing given by Mr. Fei of the Paiku Boys Boarding School. This is our hope the first of a series of Summer Schools. May the Lord bless the helpers & make them powerful for good.

The regular Clinic was held & hospital patients were treated by Dr. Atwood's medical assistant, Mr. Li, better known by his baby name, Ke Kou, during the entire year. 3000 treatments are recorded & 150 opium patients were treated. The usual lack of funds for the work & the difficulties attending the carrying on of the work without a doctor made it seem advisable not to continue the clinic & hospital work in 1900 until the doctor's return.

The opium refuge at Yang Chuan was closed at the end of the Chinese New Year & the helper Mr. Lu was asked to help in the work in the city.

Mr. Han returned to the opium refuge in Lin Lin Chen in the Fall & the work prospered greatly under his leadership. Not so much in the number of opium patients treated but in the interest taken in the gospel message. Men of influence in the community were often in

attendance on the meetings, committed portions of the Scripture to memory & recited them at the Sunday Service. They spent much time in singing & such a feeling of good will prevailed that the Refuge was named Hsi le t'ang — "The Joyful Hall." Mr. Atwater visited them in Dec. spending a week there, received 7 on probation & baptized two. One of these is the proprietor of a coal mine & the other a shop keeper. There are several other inquirers & we rejoice in the prospect of a good work there.

The Colporteur work of the B. & F. Bible Society whose genial agent, Mr. Beynon, resides at the Provincial Capital, seemed a natural way in which to preach the gospel in the villages & accordingly in the Fall two young men of promise were asked to take up the work. Both were men of business & of good antecedents & interested in the gospel & both named Chang — the Chinese equivalent of Smith, Jones & Brown. One of them after a hard struggle of a month found it unsuited to his taste & begged to be excused. Still another Chang was found to take his place & is doing very good work. They testify that the people do not wish the

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gospel, would gladly join the Church for a money consideration but otherwise can see no use in doing so. Our hope is that in the course of a year these men can reach all the villages near the city, some of them several times & in doing so greatly extend our influence. They are useful in keeping us in touch with our Church members & probationers.

In the Fall a new effort was made to open regular preaching places in the homes of the village Church members. Meetings are now being held regularly in Hsiang tzu Yüan, 20 li north, tho the attendance is very small. Kuai linti, Yang Ch'uan, Pung Chia Chuang are places where meetings are held from time to time by regular appointment. We hope that every village where a probationer or Church member lives will have a regular appointed meeting at some time during the year

Touring by the missionaries was confined to visits to these village Church members & probationers. This supplimented by the evangelistic work of the Colporteurs will we trust result in the building up of the Church

During the year a good number of the Church members & probationers have continued the practice of committing a portion of Luke to memory each week

to be repeated at the Sunday 10 o'clock service & those who do not read have been aided in the recognition of character. Several have made very good progress during the year & knowledge of the Scripture is increasing. At the close of the year a Sunday evening Bible Class was begun. It is to consist of those who desire to increase their knowledge of the Bible & will at present make use of the S.S. Lesson quarterlies published by the Tract Society in Pientsin.

In regard to the number of women who attend Church & who begin to understand the doctrine we have much cause for encouragement. Quite a number are learning to read & during the year Mrs. Price, Mrs. Lin & Mrs. Atwater all assisted in teaching them, not only on Sunday but by occasional visits to their homes. Husbands are teaching their wives & boys are teaching their mothers & before long we may hope for a large ingathering. There has been considerable talk about & against foot-binding & we hope to see the movement show itself in actual unbinding. As yet the time does not seem quite ready. Women Work

The helpers at Tsunchowfu at the present time number Seven in all.

Li Hsien sheng has been with us longer than

any other helper. As the doctor's medical assistant he has attained considerable skill in the treatment of diseases & some knowledge of the compounding of medicines. He carried on the medical & opium work in Fen chow fu hospital until the close of the Chinese year with marked success & it is with regret that we feel compelled to close it until a doctor arrives.

Mr. Lin is the teacher in the Boys' Boarding School & has been doing very steady faithful work and as a result the school has improved from year to year. His wife, Mrs. Lin, has helped in teaching the women & in time will be able to do much in this line but her natural timidity has prevented her doing her best work.

Mr. Han is one of that very large class of unemployed business men - bankrupts - so common in Shansi. His natural powers made him a successful fortune teller. He has great powers of persuasion & is able to gain the confidence of a respectable class of men in Lin Lin Chen - the place where he has been at work for the past year & a half. He seems to have a strong hold upon the truth.

Mr. Lu has not proved as much of a helper as we had hoped. He lacks in power of persuasion & of reaching out to others. He speaks too pointedly against the weaknesses of his fellows to make it very agreeable for them. But he always speaks of himself as a learner & feels his limitations keenly. We hope that a few years of work will tone down his sharp corners & give us a good helper.

These five & the two Colporteurs make up the number of our present force.

There are several unpaid we are glad to say — men who give freely of their time in preaching & touring — Wang Hsi Mien, Lei Hsien Sheng, Chang Hsien Sheng, There are a few Church members who seem to be active in their own villiages, Mr. Pien in Shih Pa, Mr. Wu in Kuai Linti, Mr. Chang who has charge of a mill in the valley.

There was but one baptismal service during the year at which four men were received to membership in the church. It seemed best to be still ~~more~~ conservative in admitting people to full communion. We work under great difficulties in this opium ridden country. And

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yet we must not be too severe or we will do them an injustice. We must bear with them & work with them as in rescue work at home & hope for their final salvation. We make it as plain as possible that they cannot be members in full standing until they are able to stand against their besetting sin & yet we hold out open arms for them to return to the church. We seem to have some who break off opium in the winter & go back to it in the summer — a sort of Chinese back sliding.

Under such conditions it seems almost impossible to say who is who & which is which & determine just how many Church members there are. There can be no doubt but that spiritual life has made itself manifest in many ways during the past year. As the rolls are made out for 1900, 42 names were recorded as Church members & 52 as probationers including the members at Lin Lin Chen. They gave about 11 50 Cash to the support of the work during the year in Church collections.

The book sales for 1899 were the largest in our history & aggregate the considerable amount of 15,787 cash. This does not include the amount of N.T. & scrip portions sold by the Colporteurs since the

beginning of Sept. – 46 39 cash – making a total of 163,426 cash. The sales included Bibles, Test. & hymn books, scripture portions & calendars, monthly magazines, tracts & scientific books. Quite a good number of the new Commentary on the entire New Test. have been sold. It can fairly be said that the membership of the church are interested in good reading & in the study of the Word & this will in time yield the harvest for which we so much long.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. R. Atwater.

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Yearly Report of Boys' School.

Fen Chofu, China. Dec. 31 - 1899.

First Term opened March 1st - closed June 11th
Second " " Sept. 5th " " Jan. 20th 1900.

No. days in Session	-	241.
Highest number in attendance	-	23.
Daily average	-	21. 5/6
Receipts for board, cash 120,000	-	= $ 78-80

The attendance has been more regular than in any previous year. The boys have been more contented to stay and hence there has been more thorough and systematic work done than is possible where some of the boys are constantly absent. The absences have been almost wholly caused by sickness, the whooping-cough prevailing the last two months of the year.

There are two encouraging reasons for this more regular attendance; we have a better class of boys than at any previous time, several of whom came from Chinese schools where they have been reading for two or three years; they can better see the advantage of study and are more ready to give their whole time. We believe our church-members are also coming to

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see that their children may have the advantages of study which they scarcely dreamed of a few years ago, a desire too that their children may not only learn to read but may also become familiar with Gospel Truth. More and more our boys are coming from christian homes where parents have learned to appreciate the teaching we give and are willing to make sacrifices that these boys may continue in their studies. It seems to me our Sen Chofu station work shows no more marked improvement in any line, and nothing that is more hopeful for the general work of the station, than this growing desire to have their children taught in our schools.

More interest has been shown by the boys themselves in their studies than heretofore. They seem to appreciate the advantage they have, and the larger ones especially manifest a desire to make the most of it. They are not so ready to leave us to enter on different lines of business, and many of the parents are ready to pass by good opportunities for putting their boys in shops that they may continue their studies with us. It is gratifying to know that both the boys and their parents are coming to have a true conception of the importance of a knowledge of Gospel Truth even though they cannot so quickly become familiar

with their own books.

Progress in work.

The amount of work done during the year shows the boys have not been idle. Four boys have finished the first book of Written Arithmetic, through Compound Numbers, and at the same time mastered our Mental Arithmetic. They have also during the year completed Old Testament History.

Eight smaller boys have completed about one half of the Mental Arithmetic, through Division. Eleven boys in "Kinder garten Method" have learned to write numbers to 10,000 and some of them are able to write the Four Periods complete. Five boys have taken Primary Geography, three nearly finishing the book and two mastering about one half. A class of nine smaller boys under Mr. Liu, completed "Chen Sao Ch'i Mên" passing a good examination at the end of the last term. A few new-comers commenced with "Chen Li Wen Ta" and have been able in addition to commit nearly one half of John's Gospel.

Mr. Liu has carried on his part of the work in a satisfactory manner. The boys studying chinese books have been kept up with the

Regular course as given in the "T'ung Chou" catalog, though there are a few exceptions. We may expect these irregularities as the boys first enter our schools and until they have been with us a few years.

Besides the Chinese Books, Mr. Lin has had charge of the boys in the work of memorizing Scripture, the work in "Chen Li Wen Ta" and "San Tzu Ching", in which I have examined them once each week. He has also had the class in "Chen Tao Ch'i Mên", and in recognizing the characters in John's Gospel. Quite a number of the boys have prepared each week to repeat the Sunday lesson in Chapel. It has been difficult to find time for all these recitations, one class "Chen Tao Ch'i Mên" reciting by lamp light. All the boys have learned the characters in John's Gospel as given in the pamphlet prepared under the direction of Mr. Atwater. The examinations were good in all branches. A new plan was tried in the examinations as a Committee of Church members examined the boys in the studies taught by Mr. Lin. They expressed themselves as highly pleased with the work done in his department, more especially in Confucius and Mencius. They were more than

three hours hearing the boys recite and gave them a thorough test, about one half repeating selections from Mark and John, a few also adding Matthew. It is the first time we have tried the plan of having an Examining Committee and we are glad to note the interest they took in the work. It will, we believe, have a good influence in giving Church members a better idea of the work that is being done in the schools.

II During the last term some of the more advanced boys expressed a desire to learn English. After speaking to some of the patrons of the school and consulting the members of the Mission, it was decided to give two or three recitations each week taking the time when said boys would not be otherwise employed. The necessary books were not received until too late to make any showing this year. We hope to see progress in the future, but as this is an experiment we must proceed cautiously and notice what benefits, if any, arise from it.

Why should we take up this study?

1st In answer we state the general principle:
" It is wise to take up any thing that will render our work more effective and efficient as a means

of propagating Gospel Truth. We act on this principle in other branches of the work. The medical work has been established and has grown to its present important proportions, simply because it gives opportunity for preaching, or makes men more ready to hear the Truth. In one sense the school work stands in the same relation to Evangelistic work. It is a means of breaking down prejudice and gaining friendly recognition for the preacher, as it has in many homes. It, however, differs from the Medical Work in that of itself it is an evangelizing agency. Its first aim is to teach Gospel Truth. It is right then to employ any means that will make it more effective.

2nd It will, I believe, be no small factor in settling what, for the past few years, has been to me a most perplexing question: — What are the boys to do after completing their studies? They are at a great disadvantage and will for some time continue to be, in all the means of gaining a livelihood that are open to the boys of China. This is more especially true if they become converted as it is well known that this one thing would render them disqualified for entrance into any shop without first renouncing this belief.

Now, it seems to me, we have a responsibility here. We ought to be prepared to make up to them as far as possible what they have lost; so they will not regret having been in our schools; and the Gospel ought not be made to bear more burdens than can be avoided. We owe it to ourselves to see that every thing possible is done to render our work permanent. In the opening up of China to foreign trade a knowledge of English will lead to good and permanent employment and at good wages. If this is true, it is, it seems to me, an answer to any objection raised against it; and ought to take some such place in our schools as that which Manual Training now occupies in many of the Institutions of America. An objection may be raised that this will take our boys away from us and we will not have so many Helpers from our schools as we otherwise would. But is not this what we want? Not that we should have fewer Helpers, but that such as we may have should be only those who are truly called of God to the work. I long to see the time when our christians may choose their professions as people can in the west. At the present that

is impossible as the odds are against them. This study does not directly aid them in preaching the Gospel and for this reason some have objected. Neither does the study of Mathematics or any of the Sciences, but we do not advocate their discontinuance. Again; we aim at Self-Support in this work as in all other departments. Will not this step help us to take an advanced position on that line within a short time? We believe it will help along all these lines. It may be well to say it is not the intention to grant this privilege to all but to only such as have shown themselves capable and diligent and as a reward for good conduct. In no case is it to be granted to any boy before he is ready to enter on his 4th year in the course as laid out in the Catalog.

The past year has shown a decided advance in the amount paid by the boys for board. At the beginning of the term in Sept. we were undecided as to what should be done as the sum available for the work was so much smaller than that act-

nally needed. After careful thought on the subject it was decided to appoint a Committee of Patrons of the school to consider the matter. The Committee, consisting of some of our best Church-members, after talking the matter over decided that as some were able to pay more than others it would be only just to make a rule to pay according to each one's ability. While none were to pay less than the 5.00 cash per month some would pay 1000. The earnestness, in this matter, of the Committee cannot be too highly commended. That they were sincerely working for the good of the school and to help one another is shown by the fact that each member of the Committee decided that he, himself, would pay 1000 cash pr. month for each boy he had in school.

We have, therefore, in the school 12 boys for whom is paid 1000 cash pr. month and the remaining 10, pay from 700 to 900. To me it has been the most encouraging thing I have seen in the work of our station, the readiness with which this new burden was taken up, notwithstanding it has been so very

difficult to raise that amount in many cases. We had feared the adoption of this plan would turn some of our best boys away but on the contrary while only one left on that account quite a number of others applied who were turned away because we did not feel that we could carry the additional expense an increase in number would entail; and so far the new year we have more applications than we will be able to accommodate.

It is only necessary to look back a little more than two years to see a growth of our school in public favor. Then it would have been impossible to inaugurate this plan and have more than 4 or 5 boys in the school. Now the change has been made with an increase of applicants for admission. This is however, but a beginning. We, as a mission, must not relax our efforts on this line or in any other direction that would tend to make our schools more of a power for good. We must go forward not only until we reach Self-Support but until this branch of our work shall

be second to none in the Empire.

We are a small mission, but it seems to me it is for us more than for any other mission now at work in the province to set a pattern for its future schools. For this reason we want to be sure we build on a solid foundation and that every change shall be a permanent step in advance.

We still think our future Helpers must come through our schools though we may find many who have never had this training able to preach the Gospel with power. In the not-very distant future we will need better trained men to meet the requirement of our work, than are absolutely necessary now; we must have them prepared.

Aside from our Helpers we are training men to live true lives, with the help of the Divine Spirit, in their homes and among their neighbors. There is no greater force at work in China to-day for her renovation than the Christian schools that are being

established all over the Empire.
The darkness of ignorance is being dispelled and the way is being opened for the sunlight of the Gospel of Truth.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Price.

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Report of Girls' School for 1899

The girls' school this year has been sadly broken into. Mrs. Thompson opened it at Jen O's'un on the first of the second Chinese month with bright hopes and much enthusiasm. She decided to admit only girls with unbound feet, and with this condition eight presented themselves. But the death of little Alma, and Marion's illness necessitated the closing of the school after one and one half months. Miss Partridge meantime had opened a day school at Li Man in connection with the women's station class, and two, and two of these girls attended that, making the number up to eight. Five of these were regular in attendance for three months. The last two weeks were spent on an entertainment given at the close, greatly enjoyed by the girls and seemingly by the good sized audience.

The death of Mrs. Thompson in the summer was a great blow to the future of the school, shattering a cherished plan that she and Mrs. Davis carry it on together.

The first of the ninth month, Miss Partridge opened the boarding school temporarily

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at Liman pending the return of Mrs. Davis.

Alas for plans! Mrs. Davis came not, and the school thus opened must be carried on. With no school room insufficient sleeping room, no teacher, high prices, little money, twice the number of pupils expected and one half of these raw and undisciplined, it was a struggle and unsatisfactory But the girls did their own work became accustomed to the routine of school life, were brave little helpers in economizing and learned moderately. Sixteen names were enrolled, with an average attendance of twelve and a half, ages ranging from seven to fifteen. The school ran three and one half months closing Jan. 13

An attempt was made to prepare the pupils for classification next year, and with the promise of a graduate from the Bridgeman School as teacher the outlook is hopeful.

The thought of a school of sixteen girls with unbound feet makes us ready to shout for joy. Two of the girls are engaged to boys in the Tai-ku school and it is good to think of their keeping pace with them and to anticipate the future happy homes. One of these had been trained by her mother-in-

law — her own mother died and she went to her future home at nine years of age, — to hate and curse the foreigners. When her mother-in-law died and her father-in-law wished her to attend school, she dreaded it and was opposed to unbinding her feet. But he was firm and a week or two found her happily established in school and running about with others. One night on going in to prayers, the teacher found her with head hanging off the k'ang, hair dishevelled, cap thrown in one direction, shoes in another, and loud weeping shaking her whole body. This was checked and after prayers a long talk brought out a burst of childish woes and wrongs. Then she calmed down and finally when the question was asked "Jesus can help you bear these troubles, and learn you lessons Can't you trust Him?" there came an assured "Yes."

Three of the girls were taken on probation, and one baptised during the term. Others have expressed a desire to join the church. All are children Christian parents but one, and she is put in school by her intended who is a Christian.

At Christmas time all the girls went into Fai-ken to attend the boys' entertainment. It was a great

treat for them. Some had never been in the city. Their own exercises were postponed till New Year's when the foreigners and several Chinese came out from the city to attend. Songs, recitations, a transparency, a character exercise — Jesus — filled the time with a tree at the close. They were very happy in their gifts.

Dear girls, with faults and virtues so like to those of their American sisters, they need the same training, the same advantages, and their need is greater because of their surroundings. How quickly they respond to lessons of gentleness and love. How soon they learn to love the Saviour and live for Him! How large the returns! How small the outlay! Who can grudge it?

Respectfully submitted
Louise Partridge

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Annual Report of Tai-ku Station for 1899.

Summary

8 outstations; 2 missionaries; 4 assistant missionaries; 11 native helpers; 1 church of 76 members, 17 added on profession this year; 1 boys' boarding school and Academy 24 pupils; 1 girls' boarding school, 16 pupils; 2 common schools 25 pupils; 1 hospital and dispensary 1313 patients; native contributions $362.29.

The year has been a busy one and marked by moderate progress and success all along the line. Mr. Clapp has been full of labors in opium and station classes, and touring, Misses Bird and Partridge in schools and work for women, Mrs. Clapp in teaching women and touring, Mrs. Williams with women as they came to the house, and Mr. Williams with house building and book keeping, while all have taught and preached in regular Sabbath services. Mrs. Williams and children left in October for home on furlough. Mr. Williams accompanied them as far as Shanghai, being absent from the field for two months.

The work of native forces was satisfactory and, especially on the part of some helpers, showed efficiency of a high order and encourages us to place more and more responsi-

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bility in the hands of the natives.

Much care has been exercised in the admission of members to the church resulting in the taking on of probation of 36 of whom 22 were men and 14 were women, and the baptism of 20; 15 men, 2 women, and 3 children. The names of three members were dropped from the church roll leaving the present adult membership at 76, with 4 baptized children. The contributions for church purposes have fallen off sadly owing partly to the fact that no special objects were presented, and partly to the peculiarly hard times. Such contributions amounted to $12.60 Gold

There were 2 Christian weddings and one funeral

Work was regularly carried on in Tai ku and in 8 towns and villages, the nearest being five miles and the farthest 80 miles away. Sabbath services were regularly held in the city and 6 of these outlying places, while the other 2 had services only once in two weeks owing to lack of workers. It is reported that prayer and reading of God's word was regularly observed by 2 or 3 others in another town. In October a new outstation was opened at Gii Shih, a county seat in the hills No. East of Tai-ku, 47 miles distant. This is an important opening being in the midst of a large unworked region. The people are scattered in

small villages, but are more honest and easily reached than those on the more densely populated plain. Mr. Tung a former worker in Taiku, was transferred to this place and ~~now~~ soon won the confidence of the people. At first they were not disposed to let a court, not distinguishing between us and the Roman Catholics, who were in bad repute in that vicinity. Mr. Tung and his assistant, on their arrival, put up at an inn and searched in vain for a house to live in, going on the hills for a seasons of prayer for guidance. When about ready to give up and return to Taiku, Mr. Chang, a clerk in the county treasury, called on them and learning that they were about to leave, offered to find a house for them. A suitable place was soon offered, owned by another court house clerk, but just as the bargain was being effected, the lessor's nephew appeared, and stopped the proceeding by claiming that the foreigners had all left Taiku and fled the country, that he had seen them fleeing, with his own eyes, on a certain day of the last month. Nothing daunted Mr. Chang said that "preaching the doctrine and saving men from opium" was a most excellent work, and he would find another house. At last a house was secured, and all in readiness, but no one came to break off opium. All were afraid because some one who had tried to break off with the Catholics had died during the ~~year~~ process. A

wild report was circulated that the foreigners had caused the water in all the wells both inside and outside the city to be poisoned. Mr Chang stoutly contended that this was wild talk and to prove it sent his own son 16 years old to break off opium. Seeing that no harm came to him, others soon came in. The Hsien Magistrate invited Mr. Tung to dinner at the Ya men. Five men with degrees and two merchants were present, and opportunity was given to preach the Gospel. A few days later the Liao chou official called, and spent an afternoon in cordial conversation, saying that for many years he had not worshiped idols. Up to the end of the year 16 persons broke off the opium habit at Yü Shih.

In August a class of the Mission native helpers was held in Tai-ku, and taught by Mr. Clapp of Tai-ku and Mr. Atwater of Fên-chou fu. The class was held for three weeks, studied well, and did praiseworthy work. The ~~helpers~~ help and inspiration imparted in such classes cannot be overestimated. Another class was held in December and continued two weeks, preparatory to the Christmas baptisms. Twelve men and nine women were instructed and catechised in the Bible and Christian books. The examinations were very satisfactory and resulted in a number of accessions to the church. In a field where the opium

habit is so prevelent as in the region occupied by our station much attention must be given to the opium refuge work. Four such refuges were carried on; one in Faiku city for both men and women, and three for men in outstations, viz. Ching Guan 20 miles. Gii Shih Hsien 47 miles, and Hsi Ging Chen 80 miles from Faiku. This work, though difficult and in some cases hopeless, has the hearty approval of the whole mission, and is justified by the results. More than 150 have during the past year, spent on the average 30 days each in these refuges, undergoing treatment, and receiving careful instruction. They have come out strengthened in body, brightened in mind, illuminated in soul, with new hopes and aspirations in life. Through past experiences we may confidently expect that many will fall back again; that some, even not a few, will go on from the good start begun, and grow up into men and women in Christ Jesus and be saved.
The fees from these amounted to $192.34
The work of the Boarding schools is reported elsewhere.
Two common schools have been carried on in villages. Attention should be constantly called to the fact that our Mission is singularly deficient in this important ~~fact~~ branch of work. One of these schools has been model in every respect and very successful. The other living at a poor dying rate may soon expire.

Some friends in another village begged for financial help in starting a school. Help was refused because the teacher proposed was not established in Christian character. The school was started by themselves and Christian books used. After a time the majority of the parents of the boys objected ~~and~~ to these, and they were thrown out. The school room is however freely offered for Christian service on the Sabbath.

Throughout the year we recognize the protection and guidence and help of God, whose work we are striving to do. To Him we render thanksgiving and praise—

Respectfully submitted
G. L. Williams

Ann. Report Nan Chiao Station 1899
Rec'd June 12 1900

Nan Kiu Station report.

Report of Boys' Boarding School and Academy Taiku for 1899—

Much enthusiasm and real pleasure was shown by the older boys last spring upon the formal organization of an Academic department, one class at that time having in reality finished the first year of the Academic course without realizing they were Academic students, and the prospect of being able to finish a definite course and graduate, has in itself been a stimulus to better work, and an incentive to those who felt they were getting a little old for school, to stay and finish. There have been during the year but twenty four pupils, seven of these in the Academy, though the number has been small, owing to the fact that through lack of funds and sleeping accomodations many had to be refused, the attendance of those enrolled has been regular, and the pupils largely confined to the children of our Christian constituency. The pupils have varied in age from eight years to twenty, and there have been classes in all the studies of the five years' primary course, and two years Academic, besides a well sustained literary society, and daily drill in Tonic Sol Fa, interest in singing being greatly increased by the introduction of the Sol Fa Hymn Book, and many

Mrs. Wilfred Warren Fitch

additional prices in short form.

Some changes have been made during the year tending towards developement of scholarship and system in work and habits. An evening study hour in the main room under the care of the native teacher has helped to more carefully prepared lessons. The introduction of a record book in which is kept a careful record of monthly and term averages, allows the pupil to see the estimate put upon his work from term to term by his teachers.

Inspection of rooms and supervision of meals by one of the teachers has, we hope, tended towards neatness and orderliness of habits, while promptness in all duties has been promoted by the large bell left to the work by Dr. Hall. This calls the boys each morning at rising time, rings for breakfast at seven, prayers at eight, school at 8.45; dinner at 12.15; school at 1.30 P.M. supper at 6, then for evening prayers, early bed time for small boys, and lastly at 9.30 P.M. bed time for older boys and general quiet throughout the courts. The services of the assistant cook have been dispensed with during the year, and sweeping, dusting, dishwashing serving of food, bringing of coal &c. has been done by the boys, who were divided into rotating groups of four or five, each group having a special department of the work in charge for one week, and then changing in regular order with

other groups.

The school year has been divided as usual into two terms, the spring and fall, each closing with public examinations, a program of which was previously prepared and distributed, and the spring term was closed by exercises by the school, which though somewhat crude, foreshadowed the time when there shall be graduating exercises with music, essays, debates &c.

The work of the spring term was seriously affected by the illness of the native teacher with Typhus fever. This necessitated dismissing the school altogether for two weeks, and removal later to Li'man where the work was carried on with many disadvantages until the usual ~~time~~ order of things could be restored. Later it was decided that the school on returning to Vaiku in the fall should not occupy the old place in the city, but the south suburb place previously occupied by the Williams family. As this place could not be put in readiness at once, school was opened again at Li'man in September, and a month later was moved to its new quarters in the south suburb. This place though too small to allow of any expansion, and obliging the use of one room as both recitation and dining room, has many advantages over the city place, and has been enjoyed by the school. Towards the

close of this term occurred the first serious accident in the history of the school. It is with deepest pain that we ~~recall~~ are obliged to record the death by burning of one of the younger boys of the school. It was this that cast a gloom over what otherwise might have been one of the brightest of Christmas tides, and closed the term in shadows not yet lifted.

As to subjects taught during the year, we refer those interested to the course of study adopted for the school, and to previous reports, only mentioning here some points which differ somewhat from previous years.

Among the first of these may be mentioned the class in explanation of the classics. Where the pupils are not only taught the meaning of the book, but are obliged to give in their own language the rendering in Mandarin, as it has been previously taught them. The examination at the end of the term showed a fair degree of ability to render into intelligent colloquial the intricate and puzzling "wen li" of the classics. In Geography special attention has been given to map drawing with a fair degree of success. More interest has been shown in Arith. by the advanced classes, a study in which they have been and are behind the course. In the spring term some instruction was given in

Physiology, and in the fall term there was an interesting class Physical Geography, and an advanced Bible Class in Romans with recitations twice a week, the two alternate days being given to study of the teachings of the book, both general and specific, with analysis of the contents of each ~~contents~~ chapter.

The Christian Endeavor Society has continued its weekly meetings, and during the fall term sent some of its members each Sabbath P.M. to adjoining villages to sing and tell the Gospel story to any who were willing to hear. As a general rule they were well received, and we trust that a training in Christian work may go hand in hand with the intellectual.

Respectfully submitted

Rosena Bird.

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Report of Taiku Station Medical work for year ending Dec. 31-1899 ——

Dear Brethren;-

In the absence of a physician this department has been under the general direction of Mr. Clapp, though the work was done mostly by Mr. & Mrs. Sang. It was thought best by the members of the station to reduce the medical work to the minimum, hence not much was attempted. It has been a year of trial to the assistants Mr. & Mrs. Sang for they have ~~been left~~ felt somewhat handicapped by the circumstances, and that they were not allowed to go on and do all they could in the line of regular dispensary and hospital practice. Yet they have appreciated the situation and showed a very commendable spirit, and have done the best they could with the supplies given them. We believe they are good honest people and we hope they may continue with us for many years. During the early part of the year they remained at Liman where Dr. Hall left them and did what came to them there. They had a number of patients and one grave case of a hand and wrist shattered by a gun explosion which required amputation. This was successfully done in hot weather, and the

Mr. Leland & Mr. Lowe / Mr. Sandison

patient made a good recovery, though he has not been seen since. Early in the fall Mr. & Mrs Sang were brought to the city & regular dispensary and hospital work was begun on a small scale. It was decided then to try the plan of securing a small contribution from the patrons of the dispensary. Accordingly posters were put up at the gate and in other places notifying the public and asking those who came for treatment to contribute 30 cash or more for each perscription. Then each patient was personally solicited to give something if it was but a few cash towards the support of the dispensary. Those who were evidently not able to pay were of course treated freely. At the same time we began charging a fee of 50 cash a day for fuel and lights for those who were called in-patients. Besides this a fee of 1000 cash plus cart hire was charged all who called on us ~~for~~ in opium poisoning cases, and some one or two paid more. Mr. & Mrs. Sang both were called out a good many times to visit the families of the rich or well to do in the city or villages about it, and generally received a fee of 1000 cash plus cart hire. The total receipts from all sources was about 23000 cash for the 4 months from October to Jan. 1900 inclusive

Beyond this there was $73.00 cash worth of medicines sold mostly cod liver oil. During the first half of the year while Dr. Hall was still a member of the mission these sales were credited to him. But later it was decided by the Treas. and myself that these sums ought to go to the Board inasmuch as it had cancelled Dr. Hall's large debt a part of which was for these very medicines.
The dispensary books show that 407 different patients were treated, besides 909 prescriptions given to those coming more than once. Nineteen visits were made to various places in and out of the city exclusive of opium cases for which there were seven in all. making a total of 26 visits outside. This does not include a good number of opium poison cases for which I sent medicines but did not see the patients.
The following is the financial statement as nearly as I could make it out from the data at hand.

Appropriation by American Board	
Med. supplies	$137.14
Assistants	45.71
Repairs	18.29
Rent	36.57
Special gift for Mrs. Seng	73.00
Recd from fees &c.	14.78
Medicines sold	47.17
	372.69

Brought forward		$372.69
Expenditures		
Medicine bought	$60.22	
Assistants not otherwise paid	7.87	
Fuel	8.81	
Repairs	22.62	
Rent not otherwise provided for	12.60	
Salary of Mr. & Mrs. Sang	73.00	
Paid Hall for Med. sold	19.00	
" Board " " "	28.17	
Incidentals	11.42	
Surplus used in other work	147.98	
	372.69	372.69

Respectfully submitted for the station

W. H. Clapp.

Missionary in charge.

Cai-Ren Medical report for 1899

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Report of Woman's Work for Tai-ku for 1899

The working force for women's work has been increased this year by four. Mrs. Clapp, Mrs. Seng and two Bible women. Mrs. Clapp withdrew from the school late in '98 and has since devoted much more time to the women with most encouraging results. During the year, she made in all about thirty five visits, many of them taking most of the day, and some including calls at several homes. Ten of these were to Nan Chang Tsun, where a regular appointment was kept twice a month during the first half of the year. During the last half Mrs. Clapp and Miss Bird alternated in Sunday services at Tun Fang and Shui Shan, visiting both places each day, holding services and hearing girls and women recite. The rest of the visits were in Tai-ku and its suburbs.

Mrs. Clapp also made one trip to Nan Ch'ing Tui, spending three day there. She reports that a large proportion of the people of the little villages have given up their idols and some are hopefully Christians. The women received her most cordially and listened gladly to the teaching; four have unbound feet.

Three opium classes of a month's duration have

been held for women with an average of ten patient. Mrs. Clapp has had charge of the daily instruction of these women and has ~~been~~ ably assisted by Mrs. Seng. When the women are not suffering too intensely, they are very glad to while away the time with books, and some of them have done excellent work.

Two stations classes were held, self supporting as usual; one, in the spring at Lai-man for three months, small in numbers, and almost a failure in other ways, except for the girls who were taught at the same time; one, near Christmas at Tai-ku, held for three weeks to prepare women who wished to be taken on probation. Through work was done in this class as the women were in earnest and faithful. Eleven women have been received on probation and two baptised.

Miss Bird, in addition to her school work, made twenty five visits to various villages, Tun Fang, Shui Shan, Sha He, and Li Hsin. The interest at Tun Fang has been well sustained. At Li Hsin, the wife of the church members whose home is open to us, turned against the doctrine for a time and visits were suspended. But her antipathy was overcome later, and her attitude since has been more cordial. Miss Partridge was detained by sickness from a much anticipated visit to Hsi Ying and most of the year has been engaged in school

or station class work, so that her visits to villages have been few and scattering.

The Bible woman at Li Man, Mrs. Chia, has done faithful work, going out each day, sometimes including Sunday, unless detained by rain or sickness, visiting from one to five homes a day. In this way over one hundred families have received teaching, a number of women have been taught to read and much general instruction given. This is the first time in all the years since foreigners first saw Li Man that such systematic work has been done and it is hoped that results will be plentiful in time. Some conversions have come from this work, much opposition has been roused and no little interest. It is a hard place. One story that has gained credence is that foreigners are either going about themselves on horseback or hiring Chinese to go about dropping medicine into wells. Sometimes this is shaken from the sleeve, sometimes from a great green bottle inverted over a well.

Mrs. Chang, Mrs. Williams' woman, has been with foreigners for years, is an earnest Christian, and has used every opportunity to preach the Gospel. On Mrs. Williams departure, Mrs. Clapp took the woman, and though not openly called a Bible woman, she has sometimes accompanied the Ladies on their trips and has made some visits on her own account. It is hoped that the coming year she may do

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much more in this line. The new home into which the Williams moved in the South Suburb and the building of the new house, the first foreign house in Taiku, attracted large numbers of women, and Mrs. Williams has done a great work in receiving these women and talking to them of Jesus. She became much attached to some of them and was loth to leave them even for the home land. What her loss will be to us on the field and in the work cannot be put in words.

Foot binding has received a great impetus this year. We have now about forty with unbound, or not to be bound feet, and almost every week adds to the number. It is noticable that although we have prayed most earnestly and talked seasonably this movement has been entirely spontaneous and not at all the result of pressure. The only thing which might seem to tend in that direction is the decision not to allow small footed girls in the school. Mrs. Seng - the lady physician; Mrs. Liu, wife of the boys' school teacher; and Miss Chang, a graduate of the Bridgemen school teaching in Tai-Guen-fu have had a great influence in this direction. Their pretty shoes, neatly dressed feet and absence of all mannishness in their manners are incontrovertable arguments.

In all departments, the work has grown both in breadth and depth, and we have great cause for encouragement.

Respectfully submitted

Louise Partridge

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Report of the Treasurer of Shansi Mission of the A.B.C.F.M. for 1899.

A.B.C.F.M. in account with the Shansi Mission Treasurer Jany to December 1899.

Summary

1899 Dec. 30	To Expenditure under appropriation	$ 8346 84	
	" " not " "	2217 12	
	" Receipts by Treas. Bd for Sundry accts	2956	
	" Special grant	250 —	
	" Bal due A.B.C.F.M.	354585	
	Contra		
	By Bal. from last account		1767 53
	" Bills of Exchange		10517 25
	" Payments by Treas Am. Bd. for Sundry accts		1379 83
	" Mis. Treas. drafts on Treas. A.B.C.F.M.		647 50
	" Miscellaneous credits		343 26
		14655 37	14655 37

Missionaries' work "Ten Ren"

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The appropriation of the General Board for salaries was $7927.50, of the W.B.M.R towards the salary of Mrs. Hall was $200.—, and of the W.B.M.I. was $1085.— making the total appropriation for salaries $9212.50. The appropriation for Work of the W.B.M.I was $180.— which was the whole of the amount estimated as needed, while that of the general Board was $120.— or only 45% of the amount estimated as necessary to carry on the work, viz. $2625.— It is needless to say the year closed without a surplus in the treasury. On the contrary the expenditure in the work overran by hundreds of dollars the amount appropriated therefor.. If the deficiencies appearing on the personal accounts of the members of the Mission were collected and the amount reported it might have a salutary effect on the receipts of the Board.

One special grant was made during the year of $250.— for the Fen-chow-fu sanitarium.

Attention should be called to the fact that the Ledger Balances show that six out of nine members of the Mission have overdrawn their appropriations and are in debt to the Board. This fact does not seem so much of a disgrace to the Mission as one might suppose when it is known that the indebtedness is largely covered by deficiences in work paid for out of personal sal-

aries

Respectfully submitted

S. L. Williams Treas.

According to a motion carried at the Annual Meeting the following Statement is added with reference to the last paragraph of the report.

The amount paid out by members of the Mission for work, over and above the appropriation was $555.04 Gold

S. L. Williams

Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Shansi Mission

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Depositary's Report for year ending
Dec. 31 - 1899 Presented April 19 00.

Dear Brethren;

The work of book and tract distribution in Tai-ku station still continues at the minimum tho' in Fen-Chou-fu there is more encouragement. No colporteurs have been employed as there was no fund with which to pay them, and so men who were thot to be fit for such work, so about all that has been done in this line at Tai-ku was to give out a ~~out~~ a few of the cheaper and poorer tracts and small books to those who wanted to sell them for what they could get. Several hundred were disposed of in this way, mostly old A.B.S. books that were almost unsaleable at any price. In Fen-chou-fu a much better condition of things has existed owing to several causes, among them a better class of books and tracts on hand. In this station a large number in the aggregate have been disposed of, consisting of Scriptures, tracts, calendars, scientific books, hymnals, monthly magazines &c. The exact number of copies of each being unknown, but aggregating and amounting to the large sum of 163,426 cash, the largest sales by far that has ever been realized in this way since the writer has

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been Depositary and I think the largest ~~since the~~ in the history of the Mission. This is partly accounted for however by the fact that one official bought about 100,000 cash worth at one time.

In Tai-ku a good number of Old and New Testaments and hymnbooks have been sold mostly to Christians.

I am glad to report that the press fund that has lain idle so long has now been made available by vote of the Mission and the amount $124.06 gold was divided between the two stations Tai-ku and Fen-chou-fu, so now we can replenish our stock with a saleable lot of books. Nothing has been done to this end as yet because it was thought by the Depositary ~~thought~~ it was best to wait till this report was handed in, & if accepted and its recommendations adopted, then such books could be ordered as were thought to be most desirable for work.

As arrangements have already been made both at Fen-chou-fu and Tai-ku with Mr. Beynon of the Bible & Tract Society to employ one or more men at each of these stations at the expense of that society, and as these colporteurs will sell only Scriptures your Depositary would respectfully recommend the following changes.

1. That that the several members of the Mission be asked to send in to the Depositary as early as possible a list of such books as they think ~~as they think~~ it wise and desirable to have on hand and the depositary be allowed to select from these lists such as can be obtained with the funds in hand, using his discretion as to the number of each kind to be purchased

2. That the Depositary be allowed to keep on hand a small stock of school books such as are used in the schools of the Mission - being priced at a figure sufficient to cover cost and freight to be <u>sold</u> not donated, to the schools and others desiring to buy.

In answer to a letter from the Depositary to the agent the A. B. S. at Shanghai respecting the unsatisfactory condition of that societie's books now in our hands, the agent has kindly offered to donate all that Societie's books now on hand to the Mission to be disposed of as we please.

Acting on the permission the Depositary has already given most of these away, stipulating a few New Test. should be paid for at a low price. These have been given to one or two of our church members to sell for what they can get.

The Depositary would therefore further recommend

4. That inas much as the nominal value of these books

was over $56.00 Mex. which seems a large sum for the Society to lose, he be authorized to pay over to the A.B.S. what ever proceeds there may be from these sales instead of adding them to our own funds. This seems to me only right as the books have deteriorated in our hands by lying in stock so long. As stated in former reports, being old books it has been almost impossible to sell them at any price, and this accounts for their being kept so long. A statement of books sold & on hand together with a general financial statement of account is here with appended

Respectfully submitted

D. H. Clapp.

General Financial Statement

I Am. Bible Soc. Books	No	Value Mex $
1. On hand Jan. 1st 1899	1937	60.71
Sold and donated during the year	484	4.26
On hand Dec 31-1899	1453	56.45
2 Cash statement		
By sales during the year		4.26
To order on H.K. & S Bank	3.75	
To bal ~~ac~~ to new acct.	51	
	4.26	4.26

		No	Value	
II Mission Books				
1. Tai-ku on hand Jan 1st '99		3006	32	017
Bought during the year		2884	62	934
Total		5890	94	951
Sold during year		1346	33	318
On hand Dec. 31-'99		4544	61	633
2. Fenchow Jr Bks on hand	133	000		
Sold			158	416
Cash from Press Fund			96	518
Books purchased	275	883		
III Cash statement Mission				
1. Tai-ku				
By bal. from last year.			23	640
" Sales during year.			33	318
" Donation fr. Press Fund			95	518
To book bot. & frt.	64	214		
Bal to new acct.	89	262		
Total.	153	476	153	476

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Report of Committee on Building 1899

Dear Brethren;

Your committee desire to submit the following Report.

In the summer of 1898 after a very vigorous appeal to the Board for funds with which to build houses for Taiku station, the sum of $28,00 (including $1000 appropriated the year before for the purchase of land & to wall it in) was appropriated with which to build one residence on the premises already purchased. Our success in securing this appropriation was due very largely to the enthusiastic and effective work of Mr & Mrs. Davis and Miss Bird while on furlough in America and of Miss Bement now of Fuchow.

When the word came to build, there was great rejoicing in Taiku, but as the summer was already begun, and the rains coming on it was thought best by the station to wait till after the rainy season before beginning the work. Meantime plans and specifications were drawn up by Mr. & Mrs. Williams and approved by the members of the committe on the field, and the work began early in September. As the house was intended for occupation by Mr. Williams & family, he took entire charge of the work, personally overseeing ~~it~~ with the help of one man, the workmen, purchase of materials &c. When winter set in a well had been dug six "chien" of out buildings put up, the

foundation of the house laid to the level of the ground and much of material for the frame and walls, was on the ground.

Early in the spring work began again. In general, the size of the house covered a plot of ground 40×60 ft, and consisted of a two story center, looking southward, with a one story wing on each side. The house was mainly finished in Sep. but owing to the absence of Mr. Williams at the coast, it was not made suitable for occupation until Dec. when he returned from Shanghai, when it was finished except a little railing about one of the porches + some painting inside and out. Great credit is due to Mr. Williams for the carefulness and thoroughness with which this work was done, Every one who sees the house says it is exceptionally well built, we believe the most substancial and solidly built foreign house in the Province.

The work was done entirely by local workmen, and as it was the first foreign house in Tai'ku and the style of architecture so different from the Chinese, and moreover this being work entirely new to our brother, it is a marvel that so few serious mistakes were made either by him or the workmen, none at all which mar the house either in appearance ~~of~~ or construction. The following is a financial statement.

The total cost of the house exclusive of land, walls gate-house &c. was $2800. just the amount appropriated. Of this sum there is still about $30. unexpended with which

to finish painting, railing & walks about the house. and it is thought this will be sufficient to cover those items. Owing to a misunderstanding at Boston of the cost of land, walls gatehouse &c. the $2800 was ~~appropriated~~ supposed to cover the whole. But when the actual state of things was explained to the Prudential Com. by Mr. Williams and they were reminded that their first appropriation of $1000 was made to enable us to purchase and enclose a site and that we had gone forward on that supposition they readily added the cost of walls gatehouse &c, which was about $720. to the original appropriation making a total of $3520.00 as the actual amount granted for house & wall & all out buildings. Owing to the miscalculation of the head workman there is still about $100. worth of material including tools ropes & staging poles which can be used for another house. This amount is carried on personal account. Mr. Williams tells us that the total cost of land, walls gatehouse stables & cart rooms not including servants quarters is $925.00 but the actual amount received from Mr. Higgin for these items is about $895.00 so there still remains ~~about~~ $30.00 yet to come from the Treas. of the Board to cover this deficit. Please understand this is not a deficit from overrunning the appropriation but arises from the appropriation not all being credited to the Mission. In other words the Board still owe us $30. to complete the cost of the premises. If we estimate the appropriation at $1000 for land and walls and $2800 for the house

then there is besides this $30 a sum of $75. to be sent to the Board. As the house seems unfinished without blinds the committe would recomend that we ask the Prudential Committe through the Treas. to complete the appropriation for that purpose.

We heartily congratulate our brother on his success in erecting so fine and substantial a house with its necessary equipment of outbuildings at such moderate expense, and especially as he has not ~~sup~~ exceeded the appropriations made. We are greatful for this happy issue of this arduous undertaking.

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Minutes of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission. A.B.C.F.M.

Held in Fenchou fu, Jan. 26th. 1890.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission convened in Fenchou fu, on Sunday evening, Jan 26th, 1890 at 7:30 when the Annual Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. B. Thompson. The Meeting adjourned to meet Monday at 9 A.M.

Annual Sermon.

First Day.

Mission came together at 9 A.M. Mr. Blair in the Chair. The Chairman led the Mission in devotional exercises reading and commenting on Acts VI: 1-8 and singing "Come Holy Spirit, come." At the close of this service the regular order of business was.

Com. on Devotional exercises

taken up and the Chair appointed Rev. C. W. Price, Committee on Devotional Exercises, and Mr. Davis, teller. Rev. J. B. Thompson of Fên chou fu and Rev. D. E. Claff of Tai ku were elected a Committee on Estimates; and Jas. Goldsbury, M.D. was elected Chairman. Dr. Goldsbury took the Chair and the retiring Chairman read an Address on "Church Organization." After the address the Mission took a recess of 15 minutes. The brethren came together again at 10 minutes to eleven and took up the usual order of business.

Station Reports were in order and Bro. Claff read the report for Tai ku Station which was received and adopted.

The report for Fên chou fu was then read by Rev. J. B Thompson which was received and adopted by the Mission.

The Medical Report for Tai ku Station was read by Dr. Goldsbury of that Station and adopted by the Mission.

Mr. Price for the Treasurer presented a comparative statement of appropriations

and expenditures" for the year 1889 which was accepted and adopted by the Mission on condition that the Auditor found it correct.

The report of the Depositary was presented by Rev. D. M. Clapp which was accepted and referred to a Committee to be appointed by the Chair. Rev. F. W. Davis was appointed to be the Com., and he found the Report correct.

The report of the Committee on Education was then presented. Mr. Davis moved to accept and adopt. Voted.

Election of Officers was then taken up. Mr. Davis was elected Secretary
Mr Stimson was elected Treasurer, and Mr. Francis W. Price was elected to act in his place while he was absent.
Mr. D. M. Clapp was elected Auditor
Mr. F. W. Price was elected to Compile the Annual Report.

Mr. Clapp moved that the Report of Dr. Jas. Goldsbury be accepted and adopted as the Annual Medical Report of the Mission Voted.

Mrs. Clapp was elected Instructor in Schools.

Mr. Thompson was elected Station Treasurer at Fên chou fu.
Mr. F. W. Davis was elected Station Depos-itary at Fên chou fu.
Mr. Davis was elected to preach the An-nual Sermon with Mr. C. W. Price as Alternate.
Mr. C. W. Price was elected to lead the Annual Communion Service of the Mission with Mr. L. H. Claff as Alternate.
Messrs. Claff, Thompson, C. W. Price, Goldsbury, and Davis were elected a Committee on Publication.
Messrs. Claff, Davis and C. W. Price were elected a Committee on Education.
Mr. Claff moved that the Sec. cast a unanimous ballot for the old Building Committee, Messrs. Thompson, Claff, and F. M. Price. Voted.
Mr. Thompson moved that the thanks of the Mission be extended to Rev. F. M. Price for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of the Secretaryship during the past three years. Voted.

Mr. Thompson moved at this point that the Mission go into a Committee of the Whole. Voted.

Mr. Thompson moved that the regular Chairman be Chairman of the Com. of the Whole. Voted.

By general consent the meetings set for Tuesday forenoon and afternoon were omitted owing to the celerity with which the regular business of the Mission had been transacted the day previous.

Tuesday Evening

Literary Session.

Mr. Price read a Paper by Rev. F. M. Price on "Sabbath Observance." Discussed by the Mission.

Wednesday Morning

Meeting called to order at 9:30 by the Chairman Dr. Goldsbury.

Mr. Thompson led the Devotional Exercises reading and commenting on a portion of the 4th chap of Acts.

Business was resumed in the Com. of

the Whole. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

At 11:30 on motion of Mr. Thompson the Com of the Whole rose and reported progress and the Mission returned to the regular order of business.

There being no new business it was voted to take up unfinished business and the first thing reported was the case of Rev. F. M. Price. Mr. Thompson moved:—

"That it having pleased our Heavenly Father in the inscrutable mystery of His divine Providence to lay His chastening hand upon our esteemed Brother, Rev. F. M. Price, so as to preclude the probability of his future usefulness in Shansi, and Dr. Jas. Goldsbury having decided that Rev. F. M. Price had better return to the United States:—

Resolved: That the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M. agreeing thereunto, Bro. F. M. Price and wife and children be permitted to return to the United States during the present year. Mr. Claff accorded the motion which was put and carried.

Mr. Blaff moved that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Prudential Committee of the A.B.C.F.M. for permission for the Rev. F.W. Price and family to return to the United States, and request an answer by cablegram. Voted.

Mr. Thompson moved that the thanks of the Mission be extended to the No. China Mission for deputing Rev. L.Z. Sheffield to escort our new recruits inland in the Fall of 1889, and to Rev. L.Z. Sheffield and Dr. C.P.W. Merritt for accompanying Rev. C.W. Price and family and Rev. F.N. Davis and wife, the former to Paoting fu and the latter to their destination in Shansi. Voted

Mr. Thompson also moved that the thanks of our Mission be extended to Mr. H.J. Bostwick for the hearty way in which helped our new recruits on their way inland, and the prompt and efficient manner in which he has forwarded their outfit and transacted our business generally. Voted.

Mr. C.W. Price moved that Mr. L.H. Blaff and Dr. Goldsbury be appointed

a Committee to visit premises at Liman and purchase same if deemed advisable. Said Committee not to pay more than 100 $ (about $118) more than what has been already paid for rent. Voted.

Mr. F. W. Price moved that the above Committee be empowered to rent property at Hwang To or Liman for the Fên chou fu Missionaries for summer use. Voted.

On motion of Mr. Clapp which was seconded by Mr. Thompson the following resolution was carried.

<u>Resolved</u>:- That the request of Rev. F. W. Price made at this Meeting to prepare and publish a life of Christ in Chinese, a plan of which he has presented, be granted, and that he be requested to carry forward the work as rapidly as convenient to himself.

Shortly after 12 M. a motion was made and carried to adjourn till 2 P. M. of the same day.

Wednesday 2 P. M. Jan. 29. 1890.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman. By general consent the order of business

was changed from No. to No. 11 of the Order of Business.

Committee on estimates reported and Mr. Davis moved its acceptance and adoption. Seconded by Mr. Claff and put and carried.

Unfinished Business came next and the Report of the Acting Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Price was read by Mr. Claff. Mr. Thompson moved that the Report be accepted and its recommendations adopted. Mr. Davis seconded and the motion was put and carried.

The Committee on Programme for the next Annual Meeting reported as follows

Annual Sermon and Business Order as per Regulations.

Monday Eve. Prayer Meeting led by Rev. J. B. Thompson.

Tuesday Eve. Literary Exercises conducted by Mrs. Lydia Lord Davis

Wednesday Eve. Mission Social

Thursday 3. P. M. Communion.

" Eve. General Conference on work and prospects. Accepted & adopted.

There was no formal Report from the Committee on the "Course of Study" Mr. Clapp moved that the present Committee be continued in office and report at the next Annual Meeting. Voted.

Mr. Thompson moved that the Report of the Depositary at Tai ku presented by Mr. Clapp be accepted and its provisions adopted. Voted.

Mr. F. W. Price's Compilation of the Annual Report was read and its acceptance and adoption moved by Mr. Thompson. Voted.

The Medical Report of Dr. Goldsbury was accepted and adopted as the Medical Report of the Mission.

At 3:30 Mr. Thompson moved adjournment which was carried.

Respectfully submitted

F. W. Davis

Secretary.

In addition to the regular business of the Annual Meeting we came together for prayer and conference on Wed. Eve.

at 7 P. M. Mrs. Davis led the meeting reading and commenting upon the 91st and 51st Psalms. The meeting was conducted as an experience meeting each of the missionaries giving testimony to the goodness of God during the past year.

Thursday at 3 P. M. the Communion Service of the Annual Meeting was held. Mr. Davis conducted the service reading from the 10th & 11th chaps. of 1 Cor. and speaking from the text Luke XXII 7-19. The native Christians were present and partook of the emblems with us as also 2 members of the Liberia Inland Mission. The occasion will be long remembered as being probably the last Annual Communion when all of us will meet together. But thanks be to God for the hope we have of all meeting in Heaven.

Thursday evening owing to the enterprize of Mr. Goldsbury we had the first entertainment strictly so-called at the Annual Meetings. That it was a success all present will testify and one of the best proofs of its success is the fact that hereafter it will be a part of our Programme.

The last official act of the Mission was passing a vote of thanks to Mrs. Goldsbury for the pleasant entertainment which she had provided for the last night of our Annual Meeting.

Enclosed with the foregoing are copies of various reports.

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Mr. Thompson moved
"That it having pleased our Heavenly Father in the inscrutable mystery of His divine Providence to lay His chastening hand upon our esteemed Brother, Rev. F. M. Price, so as to preclude the probability of his future usefulness in S Lansi, and Mr. Goldsbury having decided that Rev. F. M. Price had better return to the United States:-
Resolved -That the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M. agreeing thereunto. Bro. F. M. Price and wife and children be permitted to return to the United States during the present year"
Mr. Clapp seconded the motion which was put and carried.

Mr. Clapp moved that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M. for permission for the Rev. F. M. Price and family to return to the United

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States, and request an answer by cablegram.

Seconded by Mr. Thompson, put and carried.

Rec'd Apr. 11,

Rev. F. M. Price,

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for
1891.
Ninth Annual Meeting of the American Board Shansi Mission. Held in Taiku, February 22d. 1891.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission convened in Taiku on the 22d of Feb. 1891. The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. F. W. Davis: Text Acts: XXVI: 19. Topic — The True Missionary Spirit. The Meeting adjourned to meet again on Monday forenoon at 9:30 A. M.

First Day.

The Mission came to-gether at 9:30 Monday morning with Dr. Goldsbury in the chair. The Chairman led the Mission in devotional exercises, reading the first eleven verses of the first chapter of Acts. At the close of the service the regular Order of Business was taken up. and the Chair appointed Mrs. Davis and Mrs Bird a Com. on Devotional Exercises and Mrs Hewitt as Teller.

Mr. Thompson then moved a Resolution that women be allowed to vote in the Mission Meetings. Not carried.

Dr. Atwood moved that ladies vote at this Meeting. Moved to amend that ladies vote at this Meeting and hereafter. Carried.

Drs. Goldsbury & Atwood were elected Com. on Estimates by unanimous ballot.

Dr. Atwood elected Chairman for the ensuing year and took the Chair immediately

The retiring Chairman then delivered the Address on "The Object of Medical Missions in China"

A recess of fifteen minutes was moved & carried and the Meeting adjourned at 10.20.

Chairman called the Meeting to order at 10.35 and called for Reports from Stations.

Mr. Clapp read the Report from Taiku which was accepted and adopted.

Mr. Thompson read the Report from Fenchowfu which was accepted and adopted.

Report from Wen Shui Hsien was read at this time but on objection it was moved and carried to refer it to Special Com.

Reports and that the present reading suffice

The regular Order of Business was changed at this point; the Medical Report was deferred till the P. M. Session and the Treas. Report was read by Mr. Davis. Voted to accept but its adoption was referred to a Com. to be appointed by the Chair. Chair appointed C. W. Price, F. W. Davis and Miss Hewitt.

Mr. Clapp read the Report of the Depositary and Tract and Bible Correspondent. Voted to accept but its adoption referred to a special Com. to be appointed by the Chair. Messrs. Thompson and Price were appointed.

Voted to accept and adopt the Report of Education included in the Tabor Station Report as the Report on Education without further reading.

The regular Order of Business was here suspended and the Location of Members deferred to Unfinished Business.

Election of Officers was then taken up.

Miss Hewitt was elected Secretary

F. W. Davis was elected Treasurer

D. H. Clapp was elected Auditor.

On motion to adjourn, the Mission adjourned

to meet at 2 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

The devotional exercises were led by Rev. C. W. Price. At the close of these the Chairman called the Meeting to order at 2.30 P.M.

Dr. Goldsbury's deferred Medical Report was read accepted and adopted.

Miss Bird was elected Compiler of Annual Reports. Dr. Goldsbury was elected to compile the Medical Report.

Mrs. Clapp was elected Instructor in the School.

Mr. Clapp was elected Station Treasurer at Tanku.

A motion was made to defer the election of Depositary to the order of Unfinished Business Carried.

Rev. C. W. Price was elected to preach the Annual Sermon. Mr. Thompson was elected Alternate.

Dr. Atwood was elected to lead the Communion Service at the next Annual Meeting. Mr Clapp was elected as Alternate.

It was moved and carried that the

Com. on Publication be discharged and the item omitted from the regular Order of Business this year.

Moved and carried that the Com. of Education be continued another year.

Com on Building was elected consisting of Dr. Atwood, Mr. Clapp & Mr. Dave.

Moved and carried that the Meeting adjourn to meet at 9:30 Tuesday morning.

Second Day.

At 9:30 the Mission was called to order and led in devotional exercises by Dr. Atwood. Business was then resumed and the Mission immediately went into Com. of the Whole with Mr. Thompson in the Chair

At 12 o'clock the Com. adjourned to meet at 2.30 P.M.

At 2.30 Mrs. Goldsbury led the Mission in devotional exercises. At 4 o'clock the Com. of the Whole arose and reported progress and adjourned to meet at 9:30 Wednesday morning.

Tuesday Evening.

The prayer-meeting was led by Mr. Thompson

He read and commented upon the 49th chapter of Isaiah.

Third Day.

At 9:30 the Mission came together with Dr. Atwood in the Chair. After devotional exercises, business was resumed.

These Resolutions were adopted.

Resolved: That Dr. Atwood be a Com. to correspond with Sec. Smith in order to ascertain what should be our attitude toward the China Inland Mission whose work is being pushed forward in villages and cities in our immediate vicinity and so in a section of the field that falls to us to evangelize.

Resolved: That the full privilege of the ballot be extended to the ladies. Carried by the unanimous vote of the gentlemen, ladies not voting.

Resolved: That Mr. & Mrs. Clapp be appointed Amy to confer with the brethren of the North China Mission at Tungchow in regard to having our recruits from America remain with

them for the first six months or year for the study of the language.

Whereas, the Board has appointed Dr. Atwood to the Shanci Mission as an evangelist rather than as a physician and

Whereas, Dr. Atwood himself desires to engage in evangelistic work instead of medical work,

Resolved: That the Mission request the Board to appoint a physician to Tai chou fu Station.

Resolved that the Secretary, on behalf of the Mission be instructed to invite the Rev. A. Morgan of the English Baptist Mission of Tai yuen fu to examine such members of our Mission, as are prepared, as to their progress in the Chinese language, the time for this examination to be set by the candidates.

Whereas, it is felt by the Mission that it would be very desirable and helpful to have one of the Secretaries of our Board visit our Mission for the purpose of consel and encouragement and,

Whereas most of the Missions of North China

have, at some time, been visited by some officers or authorized agents of their respective missions, while the missions of the American Board have never had the benefit of such visitation, therefore

Resolved: That Mr. Thompson be constituted a Com. of one to prepare a suitable address to the Prudential Committee, asking them to appoint Dr. Judson Smith to visit our Mission during the present year, and, if it impossible for him to do so, that they appoint some other prominent officer or member of the Board to do so in his stead.

Resolved: That the members of each station constitute a Com. to consider and pass upon all repairs in excess of $50.00

Mr Clapp requested that himself and wife be allowed a vacation & the following Resolution was passed by a unanimous vote

Resolved: That Mr & Mrs. Clapp be allowed to take a vacation and visit the coast the coming summer, the time being from

June 12th & Nov. 30th.

Resolved: That hereafter the compensation of the courier shall be at the rate of eight thousand cash per trip.

That the limit expected to be carried at the price be thirty catties.

That all in excess of thirty catties be paid for at the rate of seventy-five cash per catties.

That all packages not mailable be paid for at the same rate.

Com. on Program for next Annual Meeting reported as follows.

Prayer Meeting	Monday Evening	Mr. Clapp.
Social "	Tuesday "	Miss Newell.
Entertainment	Last "	Mrs. Price Mr. Atwood.

The Report was accepted and adopted.

The following Report of Com. of Estimates was accepted and adopted.

Salaries.

Rev. S. J. Atwood	1150
Miss Bird	500
Rev. D. H. Clapp.	950
Rev. T. W. Davis.	950
Dr. Goldsbury	1050
Miss Hewett.	500
Rev. C. W. Price	1150
Rev. J. B. Thompson	650
Rev. T. L. Williams	950
Rev. G. W. Wright	950

Rents.

Taiku	150
Chapels. Taiku	75
" Fenchowfu	75
Education	300
½ Mail.	140
Medicine Taiku	250
" Fenchowfu	250
Incidentals - Taiku	150
" Fenchowfu	150
Medical Asst. - Taiku	50
" " Fenchowfu	50

Teachers.

Dr. Goldsbury	70.
Mr. Clapp.	40
Miss Bird	50
Miss Hewett.	50

Teachers.

Mr. Davis	70
Mr. Price	70
Mr. Thompson.	30
Dr. Atwood.	40

Repairs - General.

Taiku	125
Fenchowfu	125
" at Taiku. For 3 families	150
" " Fenchowfu " 2 "	100
" " " " Mr. Thompson	15.
Touring - at Taiku	50
" " Fenchowfu Thompson	30
Atwood	25
Price	10

Totals

Yin	Salaries	8,800
"	Teachers.	420
"	Repairs.	515
"	Touring.	115
"	Education	300
"	Rent	150
"	Chapels	150
Hs	½ Mail.	140
"	Medical Assistants	100
"	Incidentals	300
"	Medicine	500
		11490.00

The Com. on the Treasurer's Report recommended that that Report be adopted Mr. Clapp moved to accept and adopt the recommendation. Carried.

Treasurer's Report.

With regard to the Funds and Surplus I beg leave to present the following recommendations,

1. That the Surplus from the Apportionment for Rents at Taku be added the App. for that purpose for this year making an available total for that purpose of $239.93

which may be needed if two families come out this fall.

2. That the Surplus from Education and that from New Work carried over from 1889 be added to the Appr. for Medicine for this year, making a total of $4489.06 available for that purpose this year.

3. That the Mission accounts be hereafter kept in U. S. gold and not in Tientsin taels as at present. This is advisable for two reasons; viz. the North China Mission, the largest of our Board in China and the one with which we have most dealings, keep their accounts in gold: and our transactions with Mr. Ward, a large share of our business, have to be kept in gold.

The past year has been marked by a very low rate of exchange in its later months. Gold at one time brought only 725 taels for $1000.00 Inasmuch as the rate for this half year is 791.71, the lowest in the history of the Mission, and that the North China Mission has been allowed to fix 900.00 as the rate, I therefore recommend:

4 That, with the consent of Mr. Ward,

we fix the rate of exchange at 90 tael cents to one dollar in U.S. gold after Jan. 1st 1891.

I notice what appears to be a clerical error in the apportionment for 1891. In it single ladies' salaries are written at $425.. This is less than one half of our reduced salaries $950.00 On account of heavy freight bills in the interior of China and the fact that they, if living at the coast, would not have the extra expense of entertaining etc. which justifies the larger salaries of the North China missionaries, and would therefore justify the increase above $500.00 rather than a decrease, we think $425.00 or $475.00 too small for them here and therefore recommend;

1st That the salary of single ladies in this Mission be $500.00 in U.S. gold per annum and that the two single ladies now on the field be paid at that rate from the time of their arrival on the field.

Since the last Annual Meeting we have received $100.00 collected by Mrs. Simson for the purchase of two jinrikishas for the use of ladies of the station. But the

general opinion is that sedan chairs would answer a better purpose. I recommend in that case:

6 That sedan-chairs be bought for the two stations, Taku, and Tenchowfu, and be paid for out of the fund of $100.00

Mr. Ward notes that the funds deposited with Bywater, Tanqueray & Co. have been withdrawn and so are not longer available for the payment of debts in England. We have now a deposit with the H. K & S. Banks in Shanghai and Tientsin and cash in banks in Taku and Tenchowfu. Appropriations for 1891 are just and according to expectations

With ample support we must go forward. In conclusion, I desire to state my obligation to my predecessor in this office, and to thank my brethren for their patience and cordial co-operation with me in this work.

Respectfully submitted

F. W. Davis, Mission Treas.

Following Resolutions were adopted.

Whereas two evangelists are required at Taku Station and an invitation has been extended to Mr & Mrs. Davis.

Resolved: That they be transferred to Tarkio.

Whereas; during the illness of Dr. Goldsbury Mr. Dixon of the English Baptist Mission visited him at the request of the members of the Tarkio Station, to attend him and did so and rendered valuable aid until Dr. Atwood; who relieved him, therefore

Resolved: 1 That we, as a mission in Annual Meeting assembled, express our sincere thanks to him for his kindness in visiting and attending him on that occasion and

2. That the Sec. of this Mission be instructed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to Mr Dixon

Resolved: That the thanks of the Mission be extended to Mr Bostwick for performing numerous kind offices for the members of the Mission during the year.

In view of the need of some one at Tamchow fu to do work among women,

Resolved that Miss Hewett be allowed to locate at Tientsin, if, on further consideration, she desire to do so.

Resolved that the Com. in charge of the Depositary be instructed to sell all books of value except copies of the Holy Scripture or parts thereof and destroy such as are of no value.

Resolved: 1 That we add to the general order 5 of business "h" from committee on new stations

2. And to general order 7. Election of Officers "o" Committee on opening new stations.

Resolved: That it is the sense of the Mission that the solicitation of funds in in America by members of the Mission for special objects not advised by the Mission is undesirable.

Moved and carried that the Sec. be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Mission for Dr Atwood as Station Treas. at Tientsin

Moved and carried that - Mr Thompson & Dr. Atwood be a Committee on Opening New Stations.

The Annual Report of the Mission presented by Miss Bird, was accepted and adopted

The Medical Report of Dr Goldsbury was accepted and adopted as the Annual Medical Report of the Mission

Moved that, after the communion service, we adjourn to meet next year at Fenchowfu Carried.

Thursday afternoon Rev. C. W. Price conducted the communion service. Dr. & Mrs. Goldsbury presented their baby for baptism at this time. This part of the service was partly in Chinese; Mr. Clapp administered Baptism.

Adjourned.

D'Etta Hewitt Sec. of Mission.

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MINUTES FOR 1892.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission of the Am. Board, held in Fencho Fu, Feb. 21st.

The Tenth Annual Meeting opened with annual sermon by Rev. C. W. Price, Sunday evening, Feb. 21st. Text II Tim., 2:15. Subject, Christian Leadership. After the sermon, the mission adjourned to meet at ten o'clock Monday morning.

First Day.

Meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m., Dr. Atwood in the chair, and the mission was led in devotional exercises by the chairman.

The "Order of Business" was then taken up.

The chairman appointed Mrs. Davis, Miss Hewett and Mr. Thompson as Committee on Devotional Exercises. Mrs. Goldsbury was appointed teller. Mr. Thompson, Dr. Goldsbury, and Mr. Davis were elected Com. on Estimates. Mr. Price was elected Chairman of the mission, and the retiring Chairman delivered an address on "Living Like the Chinese."

Moved and carried that the recess be omitted and the Order of Business be immediately resumed.

The following Reports were then read and adopted : The Taiku Station Report, Fencho Fu Station Report, Taiku Medical Report, Fencho Fu Med. Report. The Treasurer's Report was read and it was moved and carried that this Report be referred to a Com. appointed by the chair. Drs. Atwood and Goldsbury were made such committee.

Report of Com. on Education read and adopted.

Report of Com. on Examinations read and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Davis and Thompson.

At the An. Meeting of '91 Dr. Atwood was appointed a com. to confer with Dr. Smith in regard to our conduct toward the China Inland Mission who are encroaching upon our territory. As a Report Dr. Atwood read a letter from Dr. Smith. Mr. Thompson gave a verbal Report of his correspondence with Dr. Smith in regard to the possibility of our soon having the pleasure of a visit from Dr. S. or some other of our Secretaries.

Report of Com. on Opening New Work read and adopted.

Moved to adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

Dr. Goldsbury led the Mission in devotional exercises, reading the 91st Psalm.after whichthe order of business was resumed.

Moved and carried that the question of Location of Members be postponed to come up under the head of "Unfinished Business."

The following officers were then elected :

Secretary, Miss Hewett; Treasurer, Mr. Davis; Auditor, Mr.Price Compiler of An. Report, Mrs. Price; Compiler of Med. Report, Mr. Davis; Instructor in School, Mrs. Clapp;, Sta. Treas. at Taiku, Mr. Clapp; Depositary, Mr. Clapp.

The appointments for the next An. Meeting were as follows :

Preacher of An. Sermon, Dr. Atwood; alternate, Mr. Davis;

Leader of Communion Service, Mr. Clapp; alternate, Mr. Williams

Mr. Clapp elected Com. on Publication. Moved and carried that the Com. on Education be continued. The following Building Com.were then elected : Dr. Goldsbury, Mr. Clapp, and Mr. Davis. Com. on Opening New Work: Dr. Atwood, Mr. Price, and Mr. Clapp.

Adjourned to meet at ten o'clock.

Monday evening the mission met for prayer-meeting. In the absence of Mr. Clapp Dr. Goldsbury took charge of the meeting. Topic, Christian Love. Scrip. Reading, I John 3.

Second Day.

Mission came together at 1o.3o a.m. Mrs. Goldsbury led us in devotional exercises. After opening, moved and carried that the mission resolve itself into the Com. of the Whole, with Mr. Thompson in the chair. At one o'clock the Com. arose and reported progress.

Adjourned to meet at ten o'clock the next morning.

Third Day.

Mission called to order at 1o.3o. Mr. Price led the Mission in devotional exercises.

The following Resolutions were then presented :

Resolved : That we as a Mission instruct the Secretary to advise Mr. and Mrs. Williams that it will be wise and advisable for them to come to Shansi this spring; but as he has expressed a wish to remain in the North China Mission during the summer we gladly allow him to use his discretion in the matter. Carried.

Resolved : That to meet the present urgent demands of our work in Taiku, we respectfully petition for a grant of money for the fol-

lowing specified purposes :

1. To purchase land and wall it in,	$1000.
2. " build hospital, dispensary, and waiting-rooms,	1500.
3. " provide a house for a mis. physician and family,	3000.
4. " ditto. for another missionary family,	3000.
5. " ditto. for a school,	1500.
Total,	$10,000.

Carried by majority vote.

The last two items in the above Resolutions were an amendment of the original Resolutions.

Resolved : That "d" and "e" under election of officers be amended to read "for next year." Carried.

Mrs. Goldsbury was unanimously elected Compiler of An. Report.

Dr. Atwood was unanimously elected Compiler of Med. Report.

Resolved : That we amend Rule I by substituting after the words "annual meeting" the words "the first Sunday after the 15th of April," instead of "on the second Sunday after the Chinese New Year's Day." Carried.

Resolved : 1. That we recognize with regret the circumstances in the past history of the mission which seem to justify the Pru. Com. in not re-commissioning the Rev. M. L. Stimson to the work here without first obtaining the consent of the Mission itself.

2. That those circumstances are passed away, and the conditions which gave rise to them are changed, and that as Christian missionaries sharing in the hopes and consolations of the Gospel and band-

ed together for the conversion of the surrounding heathen, we are agreed to let the dead past bury its dead and to work together harmoniously for the progress of the kingdom of God.

3. That if the Rev. M. L. Stimson will agree thus to co-operate with us we unanimously request the Pru. Com. to reappoint him and his family and designate them to Hsien in this Mission.

Resolution was lost, four voting for it and one against; Mr. Clapp being absent.

Moved and carried that the Secretary be instructed to record the Resolutionwith the number voting for and against, and the fact that Mr. Clapp is absent.

The following Resolutions were all adopted :

Resolved : That the members of the Shansi Mission recognizing the ability and faithfulness with which the Rev. M. L. Stimson discharged the duties of Treasurer of the Mission hereby tender to him their thanks and gratitude for performing the work of that office.

Second : That the Secretary of the Mission transmit copies of these Resolutions to the Sec. of the Am. Board and to the Rev. M. L. Stimson.

Resolved : That we as a Mission vote $50. for Mr. Bostwick of Tientsin for expenses of clerk hire incurred in doing the business of the members of the Mission at Tientsin, and that the Treasurer be instructed to assess the mission pro rata for the amount.

Resolved : That the thanks of the Mission be extended to Rev.C. Goodrich, D.D., for his kindness and hospitality in inviting Mr.Wil-

liams and his wife of our Mission to remain with them at Tung Cho for a few months' study of the language.

Resolved : That Dr. Atwood and Mr. Price be a Com. to visit Jen Ts'un and look over the field with reference to advising the residen mis'y on the subject of purchasing or repairing property for use at that Station.

Resolved : That we earnestly request the Pru. Com. to send out two young ladies fitted to do educational work, since the present outlook demands that we have at least that number preparing themselves in the language to takecharge of the work which now seems opening to us so favorably.

Resolved : That the Secretary of the Mission be instructed to tender to Mr. Clapp the thanks of the Mission for the careful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of Mission Auditor five years.

The Com. on Program reported as follows :

Monday evening, Prayer Meeting, Mr. Williams.

Tuesday evening, Social, Mrs. Goldsbury.

Last Evening, Entertainment, Miss Bird and Mrs. Clapp.

Report was adopted.

Report of Com. on Estimates was read and adopted :

Salaries, $9000; Teachers, $483; Rent,$347.50; Repairs,$845; Touring,$165; Native Helpers,$155; Chapels,$130; Medical Work,$510; New Work,$100; Schools,$545; Station Classes,$90; Incidentals,$350. Total, $12,720.50.

Report of Com. appointed to examine the Report of Com. on Examinations moved to adopt the report as read. Carried.

Report of Com. to which the Treasurer's Report was referred read and adopted.

Moved and carried that the Secretary be instructed to correspond with Mr. Williams in regard to Mr. and Mrs. Atwater's coming into Shansi next fall.

Moved and carried that a committee be appointed by the chair to revise the Rules of the Shansi Mission, submit such revision to the Mission, andhave them printed. Dr. Atwood, Mr. Davis, and Miss Hewett were made such Com.

Moved and carried that Mr. Thompson be appointed to represent this Mission on the Com. of Arrangements for the forthcoming Conference at Tai Yuan Fu.

An. Report read and adopted.

An. Med. Report read and adopted.

Moved to adjourn to meet at four o'clock,p.m.

At four o'clock the communion service was conducted by Dr. Atwood. Scrip. read and commented upon was John 6.

Wednesday evening the Mission met for the entertainment and passed a very enjoyable and profitable evening. Mr. Thompson moved a vote of thanks to the Com for their work. Carried.

Moved to adjourn to meet at Taiku the first Sunday after the 15th of April, '93.

Ven-chon-pu, Nov. 21-1892

Recd May 16-'92

MINUTES FOR 1893.

ELEVENTH AN. MEETING OF THE SHANSI MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD, HELD AT T'AIKU, AP. 16TH TO AP. 20th.

The 11th an.meeting opend with the an. sermon by Rev.I.J.Atwood, Sunday evening, Ap.16. Text, Mk.IV:26-8. Subject, Progress and Development of the Kingdom of God. After the sermon, the mission adjourned to meet at 9.30 next morning.

First Day.

Mission calld to order by the Sec. at 9.30. In the absence of the Chairman Mr.Clapp was elected temporary Chairman. Devotional exercises led by Mr. Clapp. He red and commented on Phil. II.

The Chair appointed Mr.Davis, Mr.Atwater, & Mrs.Thompson Com.on Devotional Exercises. Mr. Williams was appointed Teller.

Messrs. Clapp, Davis, & Thompson wer elected Com.on Estimates.

Mr.Davis elected Chairman.

Moved and carried that in view of the absence of the Chairman for 1892 the Chairman's address be omitted and the mission proceed to business.

Report of T'aiku Station red, accepted and adopted.

Report of Fêncho Fu Sta. red. Moved and carried that the Sec.be instructed to make certain corrections in this Report and that the Report as corrected be accepted and adopted.

Report of Jên Ts'un Sta. red accepted and adopted.

T'aiku Med.Report red and adopted.

Fêncho Fu Med.Report red and adopted.

Treasurer's Report red and adopted.

Depositary's Report red and adopted.

Report of Com.on Education red and adopted.

Fêncho Fu School Report red. Moved and carried that the Chair appoint a Com.to revise this report. Mr. Clapp was appointed.

Adjourned to meet at 2.30 p.m.

Afternoon session.

The mission met at 2.30. Dr.Atwood led in devotional exercises.

Com. on Course of Study made an oral Report. Moved and carried that the Com. be requested to make a written report to be sent to Bd.

Moved and carried to defer the report of Com.on Revision of Rules to Unfinished Business.

Election of officers : Sec. Mrs.Thompson, Treas. Mr.Davis. Mission Auditor, Mr. Price.

Moved and carried that the election of Compiler of An.Report and Compiler of An.Med.Report be omitted.

Instructors in Schools : T'aiku, Mrs.Clapp & Miss Bird.
Fêncho Fu, Mr.Price.

T'aiku Sta.Treas., Mr.Clapp. Mis.Depos.&B.So.Cor.Mr.Williams.

Sta.Depositary at F.C.Fu, Mr.Davis.

Appointments for next An. Meeting.

Preacher of Sermon, Mr.Atwater; alternate, Mr.Price.

Leader of Communion, Mr.Williams; alternate, Mr.Thompson.

Committees : Moved and carried that the election of Com.of Publication be omitted.

Voted to continue Messrs.Clapp, Davis, & Price as Com.on Education.

Recd. Mar. 26, '92

Mr. Clapp, Dr.Atwood,& Mrs.Thompson elected Com.on Buildings.
Dr. Atwood, Mr. Price, & Mr.Clapp re-elected Com.on New Work.
Adjurnd to 9.3o Tuesday.

Second Day. Morning Session.

The mission was calld to order at 9.3o by the Chairman. Mr.Thompson led in devotional exercises.

The mission voted to go into Com.of the Whole.

At 12 o'clock Com. reported progress and mission adjurnd.

At the afternoon session Mr. Atwater led in devotional exercises, after wh. the mission again voted to go into Com.of the Hole. At 4.3o, Com. rose and reported progress. Mission adjurnd.

Third Day.

After devotional exercises the forenoon session was given up to Com.of the Hole.

Afternoon Session.

Mrs.Atwater led in devotional exercises, reading and commenting on the 6th chap.of Daniel.

Moved and carried that we proceed to the consideration of the resolutions proposed in Com.of the Hole.

The following resolutions wer carried :

1. Resolved :That the Postmaster General of the Shansi Mission be instructed to assess the Treas. of the Am.Bd. one ful share of the courier expenses between F.C.Fu and Tientsin.

2.Resolved : (See p.1[illegible].Res.No.2.)

3. Resolved : That the mission instruct the Treas. to credit Dr. Atwood with the amt.he has expended on the hospital at F.C.Fu over and above that appropriated by the Pru.Com.and charge it up to funds on hand belonging to the mission.

4. Whereas :The spring cart lately purchased for F.C.Fu Sta.is safe and convenient for traveling purposes;therefore

Resolved : That the balance of the chair fund be drawn upon to purchase a similar cart for T'aiku; provided the sum expended shal not exceed the amt.remaining from the original appropriation.

5. Resolved : (See p.1[illegible].Res.No.6).

Voted that Mr.Williams be a Com.to procure a cart for T'aiku.

Moved and Carried that Mr.Atwater & Dr.Atwood draw up an appeal setting forth the urgency of the request for an additional grant sent to Boston this year.

Moved and carried that the Chair appoint a Com. consisting of one from each station to correspond with other missions of the Am.Bd.,as far as practicable,and report as soon as practicable, a covenant for candidates to be taken on as catechumens; also a covenant and creed for the adoption of the mission, to be used in receiving members into churches. The Chair appointed Messrs.Clapp,Atwood & Thompson.

The following resolutions wer adopted :

6. Resolved : (See p.1[illegible].Res.No.7).

Resolved : That the Treas.be authorized to use the unexpended balance from other appropriations to pay amts.usually charged to incidentals during the current year.

8. Whereas : Dr. Wilson of Shou Yang Hsien by invitation of Mrs. Goldsbury came to T'aiku to attend our dear physician during his late

illness. Resolved: (1) That we as a mission hartily thank Dr.Wilson for his kindness during his stay with us and for the goodwil and skil with wh.he attended the case, and that a copy of this res.be sent to Dr.W.by the Sec.of the mission. (2) That we ask Dr.Wilson to accept the sum of $25. as a contribution toward his hospital work.

9. Resolved : (See p.10.Res's Nos.3, 4, & 5).

Voted that the report of Com.on Revision of Rules as presented by Dr.Atwood and the corrections be adopted and that the Com.be continued and requested to print 100 copies during the current year.

Dr.Atwood and Mr. Williams wer appointed a Com. to draw up an appeal to accompany the request for reinforcements.

11. Resolved : (See p.10.Res.No.1).

Report of Program for next an.meet.red by Mr.Atwater and adopted:

Leader of Mon.Even.P.Meeting, Mr.Thompson.

Com.on Entertainment, Mrs.Atwater & Miss Bird.

Social Com. Mrs. Williams.

Report of Com.on Estimates red and adopted(See p.10,2d half page)

(Com.suggested in case of straitend circumstances the fol.items can be dropt by the Pru.Com.:Clapp,Teacher,$40; Repairs,50. Atwater, touring,25. General Contingent, 250. New Work, 150. Total, $515.00)

Fourth Day. Morning Session.

Mission called to order at 11.30. Opend by singing "How firm a foundation"

Voted that the appeal for funds to be used in transferring the T'aiku work outside the city, as presented by the Com. be approved.

Mr. Clapp red a letter from Mr.Saunders stating that a man in T'aiyuan Fu had recently become a Xn and wisht to return $12. out of wh.he had swindled the mission 11 years ago.

Voted that Dr.Atwood be askt to confer with Mr. Saunders in regard to this matter.

12. Resolved : That the Treas. be authorized to sel the mission press, type, type-cases, type stands, and other press materials, with the advice and consent of a majority of the mission; subject to the approval of the Pru.Com.

Voted that the sta.reports constitute the an.report and that the med.reports constitute the an. med. report.

Moved and carried that the evening meeting be devoted to a service in memory of Dr. James Goldsbury.

Adjurnd to meet for the Communion Service at 3 o'clock.

Afternoon meeting.

The Communion Service was conducted by Rev. D.H.Clapp.Text I John 1:3 Subject : Christian Fellowship.

The rite of baptism was administerd by Mr. Thompson to William Potter, son of Rev.F.W. and Mrs.Lydia Lord Davis.

D'Etta H. Thompson
Sec. of Mission

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PROGRAM OF MEMORIAL SERVICE. THURSDAY EVENING, AP. 20.

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Hymn 536, Man. of Praise: "Rise my soul and stretch thy wings."

Prayer, led by Rev. D. H. Clapp.

Hymn 186 Gospel Hymns: "Giv me the wings of faith to rise."

Scrip.: Is. 43:1-13. Red by Rev. G. L. Williams.

"Come unto Me." Quartet. Miss Bird, Mr. Atwater, Mrs. Thompson, Dr. Atwood.

Memorial Paper. By Mr. Thompson.

"Hold Thou My Hand." Duet. Miss Bird, Mrs. Atwater.

Remarks by Dr. Atwood.

Resolutions offerd by Mr. Davis, as follows :

Whereas : It has pleased our hevenly Father in His inscrutable wisdom to take to Himself from our midst our beloved friend and brother, Jas. Goldsbury, jr., M.D.,

Resolved: (1) That we as members of the Shansi Mission of the Am. Bd. feel the absence of Dr. Goldsbury very deeply and deplore his loss as a skilful fysician, an ernest Xn worker, a delightful associate, and a sympathetic Xn gentleman.

(2) That we extend to the family and relativs of the late Dr. Jas. Goldsbury our most tender sympathy in their great loss, and we hope and pray that the blessed consolation of our hevenly Father may be given to them without measure.

(3) That the Mission Sec. is hereby instructed to present a copy of these resolutions to Mrs. Jas. Goldsbury, jr., and send a copy each to Dr. Goldsbury's father and to Sec. Smith of the Am. Board. (Adopted).

Hymn 579 Man. of Praise: "Let saints below in consort sing."

Prayer by Mr. Thompson.

Hymn 342 Man. of Praise: "There is a safe and secret place."

Benediction, pronounced by Dr. Atwood.

At the close of this service the mission adjurnd to meet next year at Fêncho Fu.

N.B.--These records ar writn in simplified spelling.

Delta H. Thompson.
Sec. of Mission.

PROGRAM OF MEMORIAL SERVICE. THURSDAY EVENING, AF.20.

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Hymn 556, Man. of Praise: "Rise my soul and stretch thy wings."

Prayer, led by Rev. L. H. Clapp.

Hymn 186 Gospel Hymns: "Give me the wings of faith to rise."

Scrip.: Is. 45:1-15. Read by Rev. G. L. Williams.

"Come unto me." Quartet. Miss Bird, Mr. Alwater, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Atwood.

Memorial Paper. By Mr. Thompson.

"Hold Thou Thy Hand." Duet. Miss Bird, Mrs. Alwater.

Remarks by Dr. Atwood.

Resolutions offered by Mr. Davis, as follows:

Whereas: It has pleased our heavenly Father in His inscrutable wisdom to take to Himself from our midst our beloved friend and bro- ther Jas. Goldsbury, Jr., M.D.,

Resolved: (1) That we as members of the Shanxi Mission of the Am. feel the absence of Dr. Goldsbury very deeply and deplore his loss as a skillful Physician, an earnest Xn worker, a delightful associate, and a sympathetic Xn gentleman.

(2) That we extend to the family and relatives of the late Dr. Jas. Goldsbury our most tender sympathy in their great loss, and we hope and pray that the blessed consolation of our heavenly Father may be given to them without measure.

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Benediction pronounced by Dr. Atwood.

At the close of this service the mission adjourned to meet next year at Fenchofu.

N.B.--These records are written in simplified spelling.

Shanxi Mission Minutes
16th to 20th 1893.
Rec'd July 3

MINUTES FOR 1894.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Shansi Mission of the Am. Bd. was held at Fêncho Fu Ap. 8th to 11th, 1894.

The meeting opened with the an. sermon by Rev. E. R. Atwater. Topic: The Work of the Minister. Text : Col. I : 28, 29.

FIRST DAY.

Meeting called to order by Chairman at 10 o'clock, a.m. Mission united in singing "Stand up, stand up for Jesus." The Chairman read and commented on the first chapter of Acts and led in prayer.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Price, Mrs. Thompson, and Miss Partridge Com. on Devotional exercises.

Messrs. Williams, Thompson and Davis wer elected Com. on Estimates

Mr. Atwater was elected Chairman for 1894.

Report of T'aiku Station read and adopted.

Report of Fêncho Fu Sta. read and adopted.

Report of Jên Ts'un Sta. read and adopted.

Report of Med. Work read and adopted.

Treasurer's report read. Voted that it be referrer to Com. of the whole.

Voted that the Depositary's report be deferred to Unfin.Business.

Report of Com. on Education read and adopted.

Voted to defer the Report of the Fencho Fu Boys School to Unfinished Business.

Report of Fêncho Fu Girls School read and adopted.

Dr. Atwood for Com. on New Work stated that the Com. had no report to make.

Report of Com. on Examinations read and adopted.

Dr. Atwood, from Com. on Uniform Creed and Covenant, reported verbally, advising that each station be at liberty to form its own creed and covenant. Adopted.

Com. on Revision of Rules gave a verbal report.

Voted to accept the report and dismiss the Com.

Mr. Williams gave a verbal report in regard to a cart for T'aiku. Accepted.

The following officers wer elected :

Secretary, Mrs. Thompson.

Treas., Mr. Davis.

Auditor, Mr. Williams.

T'aiku Sta. Treas., Mr. Williams.

Mis. Depositary & B.So. Cor., Mr. Williams.

Fêncho Fu Sta. Depositary, Mr. Davis.

It was voted to omit the election of Instructors in Schools.

Adjourned to meet at 2.30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Atwater led in devotional exercises.

Election of officers continued.

Preacher of An. Sermon, Mr. Williams; alternate, Mr. Price.

Leader of Communion Service, Mr. Thompson; alternate, Mr. Davis.

Voted that the Principals of the schools constitute the Com. on Ed.

Shansi mission Minutes 1894 Apr 8th to 20th 1894

The following committees wer elected :
Mr. Atwater, Dr. Atwood and Mr. Thompson Com. on Buildings.
Mr. Atwater and Dr.Atwood Com. on New Work.
Messrs. Williams & Price Com. on Examinations.
Mission went into Com. of the Whole, Mr. Thompson in the chair.
At 5.3o the Com. rose and the mission adjourned.
The Monday evening prayer meeting commenced at 7.3o, led by Mr. Thompson. Subject : Degrees of Salvation, I Cor. 3: 1-15; 2d Peter II-11.

SECOND DAY.

The mission came together at ten o'clock, a.m. Mr. Price led in devotional exercises.
The following resolutions wer adopted :
I Resolved,--That the P.M.G. of the Shansi Mission is hereby authorized to employ three messengers to convey our mails to and from Fencho Fu and Tientsin at not more than twelve thousand cash per trip. Amount of mail to be carried, forty-five catties. All extra mail to be paid for at the rate of 8o cash per catty to Jen Ts'un and 1oo to F.C.
II Resolved,--That the T'ai Ho Ch'iao premises at Fêncho Fu be abandoned and that a committee be appointed by the Chair to draw up an appeal to the Pru.Com. of the Board for a grant to build a house and other buildings for the accommodation of a third family at Nan Shui Ching.
III Resolved,--That Dr. Atwood be a Com. to draw a map of the field and send to Sec. Smith.
IV Resolved,--That touring charges may be made as follows :
1. Actual expenses for river tolls, inn rooms, and hired conveyances.
2. In case of private conveyance, each horse or mule, 5o cents, each donkey or ox, 25 cents per day, gold.
3. Actual salary and expenses of servants while on the road.
V Resolved,--That the Pru. Com. be requested to grant Mr. & Mrs. Thompson a vacation in either '95 or '96 as is deemed most advantageous for the work.
VI Resolved,--That we renew our appeal for a grant to move the T'ai-ku station outside of the city.
VII Resolved,--That in view of the urgent need of more lady missionaries in all departments of woman's work and in view of the fact that Mrs. Goldsbury is well qualified to engage in that work and has expressed a desire to come back to Shansi, we earnestly request the Pru. Com. to re-appoint her to this mission.
VIII Resolved,--That we urgently plead with the Pru. Com. to make a grant of $5oo to build a chapel at Nan Shui Ching, Fêncho Fu.
IX Report of Com. on Devotional Exercises for the program for the next an. meeting, as follows :
Leader of Monday evening prayer meeting, Mr. Price.
Chairman of Tues. evening Social, Miss Partridge.
Com. on Entertainment, last evening, Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Atwood.
The report was accepted.
Report of Com. on Estimates read and adopted.

Unfinished business.
Report of Treas. adopted.
Report of Mission Depositary & B. So. Correspondent read and adop
Report of Fencho Fu Boys School read and adopted.
Adjourned to meet the next day at 3.30 p.m. for the communion service.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The communion service was led by Mr. Williams at 3.30.
After the communion the minutes wer read and approved.
The mission then adjourned to meet at T'aiku the second Sunday in April, 1895.

ESTIMATES FOR SHANSI MISSION FOR 1895.

Fencho Fu :

Salaries, Price,1150,Davis,1050,Atwood,1150. Total,	3,350
Teachers, Atwood,20, Davis, 50, Price, 50	120
Touring, Atwood,40, Davis,25, Price,25	90
Chapels, Davis,50, Price, 15	65
Repairs, Davis,50	50
Schools, Davis,100, Price,350	450
Station class, Davis,50	50
Helpers, Price,15, Atwood, 94	109
Ch'ing Yuan out-station,45	45
Drugs, medicines and instruments, 300	300
Incidentals,75	75-4704

Jen Ts'un: Salary,950,Teacher,70,Touring,40,Rent,40,Chapel,30 Repairs,50. Total, 1180

T'aiku :

Salaries, Atwater,1150,Williams,1050,Bird,500,Partridge,500 Total,	3,250
Teacher, Atwater,75,Williams,70,Partridge,70,Bird,40	255
Rent, 150	150
Repairs, Atwater,50,Williams,50,Partridge & Bird,50	150
Chapel,50	50
Station Classes,25	25
School,420	420
Touring, Atwater,20,Williams,30,Bird,15	65
Incidentals (summer outing,etc.)	75-4390

Fencho Fu 4704
Jen Ts'un 1180
T'aiku -4390
Grand total, -----
10274.

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D'Etta H. Thompson
Sec. of Mission.

Unfinished business.
Report of Treas. adopted.
Report of Mission Depositary $ 4. 50. Correspondent read and adop
Report of Fenchu Fu Boys School read and adopted.
Adjourned to meet the next day at 6.30 p.m. for the communion service.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The communion service was led by Mr. Williams at 3.30.
After the communion the minutes wer read and approved.
The mission then adjourned to meet at T'aiku the second Sunday in April, 1895.

~~ESTIMATES FOR SHANGHAI MISSION FOR 1896.~~

Fenchu Fu :

Salaries, Price, 1150, Davis, 1050, Alwood, 1150. Total,	3,350
Teacher, Alwood, 20, Davis, 50, Price, 50	120
Touring, Alwood, 40, Davis, 25, Price, 25	90
Chapels, Davis, 50, Price, 15	65
Repairs, Davis, 50	50
Schools, Davis, 100, Price, 350	450
Station class, Davis, 50	50
Repairs, Price, 15, Alwood, 94	109
Ching Yuan out-station, 45	45
Drugs, medicines and instruments, 300	300
Incidentals, 75	75-4704

T'aikU: Salary, 550, Teacher, 20, Touring, 40, Rent, 40, Chapel, 50
Repairs, 50. Total, 1180

Salaries, Alwater, 1150, Williams, 1050, Bird, 500, Partridge, 500
Teacher, Alwater, 75, Williams, 20, Partridge, 20, Bird, 40 Total, 3,250
Rent, 150 250
Repairs, Alwater, 50, Williams, 10, Partridge & Bird, 10 150
Chapel, 50 150
Station Classes, 25 50
School, 420 25
Touring, Alwater, 20, Williams, 50, Bird, 15 420
Incidentals (summer outing, etc.) 65
Fenchu Fu 4704 75-4350
Jen T'aikU 1180
T'aikU -4350
Grand total, -----
10274.

Estimates for 1895
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Rotha M. Harrington
Mary J. Williams

MINUTES FOR 1895.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Mission opened with the an. sermon by the Rev. G. L. Williams, Sunday evening Ap. 14th. Text : Ro. VIII : 34. 'It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again.' Subject : Resurrection Thoughts. After the sermon the Mission adjurned to meet at 9.3o the next morning.

First Day.

The meeting opened with devotional exercises led by the chairman commencing at 9.3o a.m. Subject, Prayer--its place in our work.

Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Davis wer appointed a Com. on Devo. Ex.

Dr. Atwood, Mr. Williams and Mr. Thompson wer elected Com.on Es.

Mr. Williams was elected Chairman.

The Report of T'aiku Station was then red and adopted.

In the absence of Mr. Price thru ilness, Dr. Atwood presented a verbal report of the work at Fen Cho Fu which was accepted with the understanding that Mr. Price would prepare a written report for the use of the Sec. at Boston as soon as practicable.

The Report of the Jen Ts'un Station was red and adopted.

It was voted to omit the report of the T'aiku Med. Work for '94 and include it under the work of '95.

The Report of the Fen Cho Fu medical work was red and adopted.

The Treasurer's Report was then red, amended, and adopted.

It was voted to defer the Report of the B. & T. So. Cor. to unfinished business.

Report of T'aiku school red and adopted.

It was voted to accept Mr. Price's Report of F. C. Fu school with out reading as he was absent on account of ilness.

Report of Girls' School red and adopted.

Mr. Thompson gave a verbal report for Com. on Ex. of new members, stating that the papers from the Rev. Mr. Farthing containing the results of the exam. had alredy been copied and sent to Sec. Smith. This report was accepted.

Dr. Atwood presented the Map of our field which the Mission at its last meeting had requested him to prepare.It was moved and carried that this map be accepted as the Shansi Mission Map and that the thanks of the Mission be tendered to Dr. Atwood for his careful work.

The report of the com. on buying a cart for T'aiku was then made and accepted and the com. was discharged.

Moved and carried that Mr. and Mrs. Davis be located at Jen Ts'un.

Moved and carried that Mr. and Mrs. Atwater be located at F.C.Fu.

It was voted to refer the question in regard to moving the T'aiku Sta. out of the city to com. of the whole.

Adjurned to meet at 9.3o the next morning.

Second Day.

The mission met at 9.3o Tuesday morning and Mr. Williams led us in devotional exercises. Subject : What do we need as individual Xns to make us better workers ?

The election of officers then took place with the following result : Sec., Mr. Atwater ; Treas. Mr. Davis ; Auditor, Mr. Williams.

It was voted to omit the election of comp. of an. report.

It was voted to omit the election of the comp. of med. report.
It was voted to omit the election of instructors in schools.
Mr. Williams was elected Bib. & T. So. Cor.
Dr. Atwood was elected Sta. Treas. for F.C.Fu.
Mr. Williams was elected Sta. Treas. for T'aiku.
Mr. Price was elected Sta. Deposit. for F. C. Fu.
Preacher of an. sermon, Mr. Clapp; alternate, Mr. Price.
Leader of Com. Service, Mr. Davis ; alternate, Dr. Atwood.
It was voted to omit the election of Com. on Ed.
Com. on Building, Messrs. Price, Davis and Clapp.
Com. on New Work, Dr. Atwood, Mr. Davis.
The Mission then went into Com. of the Whole.
At 11.3o the com. rose and reported progress.
The following resolutions wer then moved seconded and passed :
Resolved : That it is the opinion of the members of the mission that the work of the T'aiku Sta. can be carried on to the best advantage to all the interests involved at some point outside of the city ; and inasmuch as the Bd. is not in a position to grant funds for the purchase of property at the present time, we therefore authorize the members of the T'aiku Sta. to rent property for mission purposes at Pu Tzu or some other desirable plaee outside of the city as soon as it is practicable for them to do so.

Resolved : That Dr. Hall, at his own request, is by a unanimous vote of the mission permitted to remain at Liman Chuang until the next an. meeting or until such time before then as suitable premises shal hav been rented outside of the city.

The mission then adjurned to 9.3o a. m. Wednesday.

Third Day.

Dr. Atwood led the devotional exercises on Discouragements--their cause and cure.

Meeting called to order to consider New Business.

On motion of Mr. Thompson it was

Resolved : That we ernestly request the Pru. Com. to renew the grant of $1ooo for the purchase and repair of mission property at Jen Ts'un.

Dr. Atwood offered the following :

Resolved : That we request the Pru. Com. to make a grant of $5oo for a hospital chapel at Nan Shui Ching, F. C. Fu. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Williams it was

Resolved : That we renew our request to the Pru. Com. for a grant of $11,ooo for buildings for mission purposes outside of T'aiku city.

It was moved that the Pru. Com. be requested to grant Miss Bird a vacation in the spring of 1897. Carried.

Moved that the chair appoint a Com. of two to prepare a special appeal to the Pru. Com. in regard to the grant for T'aiku. Carried.

The chair appointed Messrs. Davis and Thompson.

It was moved to request the Pru. Com. to grant Mr. and Mrs. Davis a furlo in '97 or '98. Carried.

Moved that the Treas. be authorized to use the rest of the 'Riksha Fund for the purchase of a cart for Jen Ts'un. Carried.

Voted to defer Rep. of Com. on Program to Unfinished Business.

The Report of the Com. on Estimates was then red.
Moved that the Report of the Com. on Estimates be adopted. Carried.
The mission adjurned to 9.3o Thursday a.m.

Fourth Day.

The mission met for devotional exercises at 9.3o a.m. The subject was : Prayer for nativ Christians. Dr. Hall was leader.

After devotional exercises the mission took up Unfinished Business.

Report of Com. on Program was red as follows :
Leader of Prayer Meeting, Dr. Atwood
Com. on Social, Dr. Hall
Com. on Entertainment, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Hall. Report adopted.
Report of Bible & Tract So. Cor. red and adopted.
Moved that Dr. Atwood and Mr. Clapp be a Com. for the Exam. of new members. Carried.
Moved that we renew the request for two young ladies for F.C.Fu. Carried.
Moved that we request the Pru. Com. to appoint a young lady as teacher for the Girls' School at Jen Ts'un. Carried.
Moved that we request the Pru. Com. to send a trained nurse for woman's med. work at T'aiku to assist the resident fysician. Carried.
Minutes red, corrected, and adopted as corrected.
Adjurned til 2.3o p.m. for Communion Service.

Afternoon.

The annual communion service was held at 2.3o, led by Rev. J. B. Thompson. Subject : The Divine Purpose in Human Existence. Text: Ro. XIV : 7, 8.

After the Communion the Mission adjurned to meet at T'aiku next year if convenient to the friends there, the final choice of place to be made by the end of 1895.

E. R. Atwater,
Secretary.

The Report of the Com. on Estimates was then red.
Moved that the Report of the Com. on Estimates be adopted. Carried.
The mission adjurned to 9.30 Thursday a.m.

Fourth Day.

The mission met for devotional exercises at 9.30 a.m. The subject was : Prayer for native Christians. Mr. Hall was leader.
After devotional exercises the mission took up Unfinished Business.
Report of Com. on Program was red as follows :
Leader of Prayer Meeting, Mr. Atwood
Com. on Social, Mr. Hall
Com. on Entertainment, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Hall. Report adopted.
Report of Bible & Tract So. Cor. red and adopted.
Moved that Mr. Atwood and Mr. Clapp be a Com. for the Exam. of new members. Carried.
Moved that we renew the request for two young ladies for F.C.Fn. Carried.
Moved that we request the Frn. Com. to appoint a young lady as teacher for the Girls' School at Jen Ts'un. Carried.
Moved that we request the Frn. Com. to send a trained nurse for woman's med. work at T'aikn to assist the resident fysician. Carried.
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E. R. Atwater,
Secretary.

Important Resolutions.

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Resolved : That we ernestly request the Pru. Com. to renew the grant of $1000 for the purchase and repair of mission property at Jen Ts'un.

Resolved : That we renew our request to the Pru. Com. to make a grant of $500 for a hospital chapel at Nan Shui Ching+, F. C. Fu.

Resolved : That we renew our request to the Pru. Com. for a grant of $11,000 for buildings for mission purposes outside of T'aiku city.

Resolved : That we request the Pru. Com. to grant Miss Bird a furlo in the spring of 1897.

Resolved : That we request the Pru. Com. to grant Mr. and Mrs. Davis a furlo in '97 or '98.

Resolved : That we request the Pru. Com. to appoint two young ladies to help in the work at the F. C. Fu Station.

Resolved : That we request the Pru. Com. to appoint a young lady as teacher for the Girls' School at Jen Ts'un.

A Special Com. was appointed by the Chair to prepare an appeal to the Pru. Com. in behalf of the resolution in reference to the T'aiku Station.

E. R. Atwater,
Secretary.

+ Note.-- Nan Shui Ching is the name of a street in Fen Cho Fu city T'ai Ho Ch'iao is the name of another street in the same city. The two streets ar about two-thirds of a mile apart.

Important Resolutions.

The special attention of the Fru. Com. is respectfully called to the following resolutions adopted by the Shansi Mission of the Am. Bd. at its recent meeting at Jen Ts'un :

Resolved : That we earnestly request the Fru. Com. to renew the grant of $1000 for the purchase and repair of mission property at Jen Ts'un.

Resolved : That we renew our request to the Fru. Com. to make a grant of $500 for a hospital chapel at Nan Shui Ching, F. C. Fu.

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Resolved : That we request the Fru. Com. to appoint a young lady as teacher for the Girls' School at Jen Ts'un.

A Special Com. was appointed by the Chair to prepare an appeal to the Fru. Com. in behalf of the resolution in reference to the T'aiku Station.

R. R. Atwater,
Secretary.

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Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Shawnee Mission held at Fenchoufu, Apr. 12-16th 1896.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Mission began Sunday afternoon, Apr. 12th, at 3.30 P.M. with the preaching of the Annual Sermon by Rev. D.H. Clapp. Text. Gal. 6.17. Subject — Paul's principles of service applied to present day work for Christ.

First Day, — April 13th.

The Mission assembled at 9:30 A.M. Rev. G. L. Williams in the chair. Members present, Rev. D. H. Clapp, Rev. G. L. Williams of Paikw, Rev. F. W. Davis of Jen Bsun, Dr. I. J. Atwood & Rev. E. R. Atwater of Fenchoufu, and Miss Bird and Miss Partridge of Paikw.

The chairman led the Devotional exercises of the morning. Hymn 6. Scripture Mat. 28.

After Devotional exercises the Chairman appointed Mrs. Atwood and Mrs. Clapp as Com. on Dev. Exercises for the meeting.

The Mission then elected Rev. F. W. Davis, Dr. I. J. Atwood and Rev. D. H. Clapp. as Com. on Estimates.

Rev. D. H. Clapp was then elected Chair-

man for the year.

The new Chairman then called for the reading of the annual reports of the Mission.

It was voted that the report of Fenchow fu Station be postponed to unfinished business.

The report of Paikiu Station was read by Mr. Williams. It was voted to accept & adopt it.

The Jen Tsun Station Report was read by Mr. Davis. It was voted to accept and adopt it.

The Paikiu Station Report on Woman's work was read by Miss M. L. Partridge. It was voted to accept & adopt it as a separate report.

The Report of the Fenchowfu Physician was read by Dr. Atwood. It was voted to accept & adopt it.

The Report of the Paikiu Physician was read by Mr. Williams on account of the absence of Dr. W. L. Hall. It was voted to accept the report.

The Report of the Mission Treasurer was then read by Mr. Davis. It was voted to accept & adopt it.

The Report of the Mission Depositary was read by Mr. Williams. It was voted to accept & adopt it.

It was then voted to adjourn until 2:30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

The Devotional exercises were led by Mr. Davis

Hymn 422. Scripture Mat. 5:1-16. Hymn 428
a season of Prayer. Hymn 431.

After the Rev. Exercises the Chairman called for the further reading of Reports.

The Report of the Penchow for Boys' School was read by Mr. Atwater. It was voted to accept and adopt it.

The Report of the Paikn Boys' School was read by Miss Bird. It was voted to accept and adopt it.

The Report of the Jen Bum Girls' school was read by Mr. Davis on account of the absence of Mrs. Davis. It was voted to accept and adopt it.

The Mission then elected the following Officers for the ensuing year.

Secretary	Mr. Atwater
Treasurer	Mr. Davis
Auditor	Mr. Williams

It was voted that the election of the Compiler of the Annual Report be omitted.

It was voted that the election of the Compiler of the Medical Report be omitted.

It was voted that the election of the Instructors in Schools be referred to the Com. of the Whole.

Station Treasurer (Penchow)	Dr. Atwood
" " (Paikn)	Mr. Clapp

Station Depositary (Pen Chowfu)	Mr. Atwater
" " (Jen Bum)	Mr. Davis
Preacher of Annual Sermon	Mr. Atwater
Alternate	Dr. Atwood
Leader of the Communion Service	Mr. Williams
Alternate	Mr. Clapp

Com. on Education	Mr. Clapp Mr. Atwater Mr. Davis
Com. on Building	Mr. Williams Mr. Atwater Dr. Davis
Com. on Opening New Work	Mr. Clapp Dr. Atwood

Voted to adjourn to meet at 9:30 A.M. Tuesday.

Second Day.

The Dev. Exercises of the morning were led by Mr. Atwater. Hymn 471. Scripture, Ecclesiastes 1. Hymn 563. A season of prayer. Hymn 578.

The Mission then voted to go into Com. of the Whole.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 A.M. Wednesday morning.

Third Day.

The Dev. Exercises of the morning were led by the chairman Rev. W. H. Clapp. Hymn 450 Scripture Acts 20.

After the Dev. Exercises the Mission voted to go into the Com. of the Whole.

The Com. of the Whole then rose & reported. The following Resolutions were then separately adopted.

1. Resolved that we renew the request for a grant of $11,000 for the removal of Paikin station outside the city of Paikin.

2. Resolved that the Chair appoint a committee of two to prepare and forward to the Prudential Committee an appeal enforcing the urgency of the above Resolutions.

The Chair appointed Mr. Atwater & Mr. Williams as such a Committee.

3. Resolved that we renew our request for

two young ladies to engage in the work at Fenchowfu, one for the School and one for Woman's work.

4. Resolved that we renew the request to the Prudential Committee for a grant of $500.00 for a chapel at Nan Shui ching street Fen chowfu.

5. Resolved that we renew the appeal for funds to purchase property at Jen Pun.

6. Resolved that the Sec. be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Clapp and Miss Bird as teachers for the Boys' School at Paiku, for Mrs. Davis as teacher for the Girls' School at Jen Pun and for Mr. Atwater as teacher for the Boys' School in Fen chowfu.

7. Resolved that the Chair appoint a Committee of two to arrange if possible for a series of meetings with the Chinese Christians in connection with the Annual Meeting of 1897.

The Chair appointed Dr. Atwood & Mr. Williams as such a committee.

8. Resolved that all the book and tract work of the various stations be reported to the Mission Depositary.

It was then voted that the Report of the Com. on Program be read at the close of the Communion Service.

The report of the Com. on Estimates was then read by Mr. Davis. It was voted that the Report be accepted and adopted.

The Annual Report of Fien Chow Station was then read by Dr. Atwood. It was voted that the Report be accepted & adopted.

It was voted that the Chair appoint a Com. of two for the Examination of New Members.

The Chair appointed Dr. Atwood and Mr. Williams as such committee.

It was then voted to adjourn to meet for Communion Service on Thursday at 10.00 A.M.

Fourth Day.

The Communion Service was held at 10:00 A.M. and was led by Mr. Davis.

At the close of the service the meeting was called to order by the Chair.

The Committee on Entertainment then made the following Report:—

Leader of Prayer Meeting	Dr. Hall
Com. on Entertainment	Mr. Williams & Miss Partridge
Com. on Social	Dr. Hall

It was voted that the Report be accepted & adopted.

It was then voted to adjourn to meet again at Paikes the 2nd Sunday in April, 1897.

Rec'd June 30,

Extract from the Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission, held at Fen-chow-fu, April 12-16, 1896.

The following Resolutions were then separately adopted.

1. Resolved that we renew the request for a grant of $10,000 for the removal of Taiku station outside the city of Taiku.

2. Resolved that the Chair appoint a committee or two to prepare and forward to the Prudential Committee an appeal enforcing the urgency of the above Resolution.

The Chair appointed Mr. Atwater and Mr. Williams as such a committee.

3. Resolved that we renew our request for two young ladies to engage in the work at Fen-chow-fu, one for the school and one for woman's work.

4. Resolved that we renew the request to the Prudential Committee for a grant of $500.00 for a chapel at Nan Shui Ching street, Fen-chow-fu.

5. Resolved that we renew the appeal for funds to purchase property at Jen Ts'un.

6. Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Clapp and Miss Bird as teachers for the Boys' School at Taiku, for Mrs. Davis as teacher for the Girls' School at Jen Ts'un and for Mrs. Atwater as teacher for the Boys' School in Fen-chow-fu.

Rec'd June 30,

Extract from the Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission, held at Fen-chow-fu, April 12-18, 1899.

The following Resolutions were then separately adopted.

1. Resolved that we renew the request for a grant of $12,000 for the removal of Taiku station outside the city of Taiku.

2. Resolved that the Chair appoint a committee of two to prepare and forward to the Prudential Committee an appeal enforcing the urgency of the above Resolution.

The Chair appointed Mr. Atwater and Mr. Williams as such committee.

3. Resolved that we renew our request for two young ladies to engage in the work at Fen-chow-fu, one for the school and one for woman's work.

4. Resolved that we renew the request to the Prudential Committee for a grant of $500.00 for a chapel at Man Shui Ching street, Fen-chow-fu.

5. Resolved that we renew the appeal for funds to purchase property at Jen Ts'un.

6. Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Clapp and Miss Bird as teachers for the Boys' School at Taiku, for Mrs. Davis as teacher for the Girls' School at Jen Ts'un and for Mrs. Atwater as teacher for the Boys' School in Fen-chow-fu.

Thos. Williams
Chas. Atwater

Copy.

Fen-chow-fu, Shansi, April 22, 1896.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.,

Secretary of the Am.Board.

Dear Sir:-

I send you this mail by registered letter all the reports and documents relating to the 14th Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission, held in this city the past week. This includes the report of the committee on Estimates made out upon the new blanks and also a full copy of the Minutes including the Resolutions. The Resolutions relating to the purchase of property are important as they voice the mind of the mission after reflecting upon the subject for several years. We trust that they shall not fail to receive your attention and that of the Prudential Committee in due course.

The 14th Annual Meeting of the mission was fully up to the good standard set by the meetings of the past three years and more. We can all testify to the spiritual uplift that it has given us and as you can plainly see by the reports there is enough of visible progress to give us all ample encouragement in the work of the coming year.

We have such amount of good courage on hand that the sudden and unforeseen removal of Bro. Price and his family from the work does not keep us from going heartily forward in spite of such a severe loss to the work as this envolves. He was doing steady, faithful and well-directed work which was making many friends. We shall wait in hope of his return at no great length of time. Bro. C. W. Price is remarkable for his unvarying good temper. He is a model to us all for conse-

tion and lack of sharp angles. He should not be lost sight of and forgotten.

Miss M. L. Partridge makes this year the first distinctive report on woman's work in the history of the mission. This is but a beginning but it is a much needed work.

It is my duty as Secretary to call your attention to the fact that the mission did not adopt the report of Dr. Wm. L. Hall. The especial objection was directed against his request for an appropriation to purchase property at Li Man. As he was unfortunately absent from the meeting, it was thought best to send in the report as it stood.

We were glad to welcome Bro. and Sister Clapp back to their place and work in the mission. We trust that they may be preserved to their work for many years.

The report to be made by the special committee appointed to represent the needs of Taiku for an especial appropriation will be forwarded later.

The work of the mission has just reached the stage when the lack of funds will seriously affect us. We trust that we shall not only be willing to give ourselves to the work but to sacrifice more of the personal comforts of life than we have yet done if this be necessary. We trust that the faithfulness of all those engaged in the work and the loss envolved in retrenchment may ever prove a sufficient reason for large and unfaltering giving on the part of all those who

look forward to the triumph of the Church of Jesus Christ in the world.

Believe me, as ever,

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) E. R. Atwater,

Sec. Shansi Mission.

Resolutions adopted at the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission held at Taiku June 3rd - 4th, 1897.

1. Resolved that the expenses for general work for 1897 be limited to 56.572 taels, the original estimate and that each member of the mission bear his own share & that all value audit statements, we hereby authorize to refuse to pass any statement of expenses for general work amounting to more than 56.572 taels, the original estimate for 1897.

Provided, that all the above do not apply to expenses for running work.

2. Resolved that no member shall be allowed to draw on more than one half of his allowance on the June statement.

3. Resolved that in view of the reduced amount available for general work that the mission urge the adoption of plans looking to further self support in the educational & medical work.

look forward to the triumph of the Church of Jesus Christ in the world.

Believe me, as ever,

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) E. R. Atwater,

Sec. Shansi Mission.

Transcribed,
Editing Committee Jubilee Meeting
E. L. Kenneth Shaughnessy.

Resolutions adopted at the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission held at Taiku, Mar 1st – 4th, 1897.

1. Resolved that the expense for general work for 1897 be limited to 56.5726% of the original estimates and that each member of the mission bear his own defecit & that all who audit statements are hereby authorized to refuse to pass any statement of expense for general work amounting to more than 56.5726% of the original estimate for 1897,

Provided, that all the above do not apply to expenses for woman's work.

2. Resolved that no member shall be allowed to bring in more than one half of his allowance on the June statement.

3. Resolved that in view of the reduced amount available for general work that the mission urge the adoption of plans looking to further self support in the educational & medical work.

4. Whereas in response to the request of the Sub-Committee on Missions in China recently forwarded to us by the Secretary of the Board to the effect that Paikun station secure premises outside of Paikun city as soon as possible and "that they make an estimate of the cost of the required missionary homes on an economical basis & report the same at once to these rooms in the hope that by the time such desired information is in hand, the condition of the treasury may be such as to warrant at least a part of the necessary outlay for thus housing our missionaries",

Therefore resolved that we renew our request for a grant of money to secure premises for the removal of Paikun station outside of the city, to be used in the purchase of land & in the erection of a wall & buildings for their accommodation, divided as follows, precedence being given to the items in the order given below, with the request that the first four items be immediately appropriated;

1. Land and walling in	$1000.00
2 House for missionary family	3500.00
	$4500.00

Forward	4500.00
3. Home for single ladies	3000.00
4. School buildings	1500.00
5. House for physician	3500.00
6. Hospital & dispensary	2000.00
7. Another house for missionary family	3500.00
Total	$18000.00

5. Resolved that the Chairman appoint a committee of two to prepare & forward to the Prudential Committee an appeal enforcing the urgency of the above resolution

The Chair appointed Rev. D. H. Clapp & Rev. E. R. Atwater as such committee.

6. Resolved that we renew our request for two young ladies to engage in the work at Fuchoufu, one for the school & one for woman's work.

7. Resolved that we, as a mission, express our heartiest thanks to Rev. P. W. Davis for the very efficient manner in which he has conducted the mission accounts

& for his uniform kindness & courtesy in all his business relations with the mission & that we hope that he may return after his furlough to continue his work with us in this needy field.

E. R. Atwater.
Sec.

Annual meeting 1897.

Rec'd Apr. 26.

Special Business passed at the Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission — April 10th-14th, 1898.

I Moved that a special appropriation of $150.00 be asked for Mr. Thompson to be used in repairs. Carried

II Resolved that the Prudential Committee be urgently asked for a grant of $2000.00 for the erection of one house on the site already purchased in Taiku. This amount is absolutely essential to relieve the present exigency of the station. Carried.

III Resolved that we renew our request for the appointment of two young ladies to engage in the work at Tientsin. Carried.

IV Moved that a grant of $500.00 be asked to repair Mr. Price's house. Carried.

V Moved that the Prudential Committee be requested to grant Dr. & Mrs. Atwood leave of absence on furlough to begin in the fall of 1898 or as early in 1899 as possible. Carried.

VI. In view of Dr. Atwood's early absence from the field on furlough & in view of the fact that he feels that he must be relieved

from the care of the medical work in Fen Chow fu that he may engage in evangelistic work —

Therefore, Resolved that we ask the Prudential Committee to appoint a Medical Missionary to this station at once.

Carried.

VII Moved that a committee of two be appointed to print the annual report of the mission

Carried.

[It was hoped that the Pru. Com. would vote to defray the expense of publication. Sec'y.]

Acted July 30-98

VIII It was also recommended that with the consent of the Prudential Committee the balance of the Press fund be turned over to the Mission Depository to be used in the purchase of stock for this very important work.

Copy from the Minutes.

E. R. Atwater.

Sec'y.

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"Schedule of Estimates of Shansi Mission for year 1890

Tai Ku station.

Salaries.	Rev D.H. Clapp	$950.	
	F.M. Price & three children	1250.	
Repairs.	F.M. Price $25. D.H. Clapp $25	50.	
Touring.	F.M. Price 75. D.H. Clapp 50.	125	
Teachers	" 66. " " 40	106.	
Schools and station classes		300	
Chapels.	Domestic & street. Keeping furnishing fuel &c -	133	2914.00

Fen Chou fu Station.

Salaries.	Rev. J.B. Thompson.	633.33	
	" M.L. Stimson & 3 children	1250.	
Repairs.	M.L. Stimson $25. J.B.T. $25.	50.	
Teachers	J.B.T. 40. M.L.S. 40.	80.	
Touring.	for the Station	30.	
Chapels.	Keeping and furnishing	125	2168.33
	Incidentals for Mission		200 00
	Grand total		5282.33

Signed { J.B. Thompson, D.H. Clapp } Com on Estimates.

accepted and adopted by the Mission"

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N. B. See explanatory notes on the reverse of this sheet.

Shansi China Mission. ANNU

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NAMES OF STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS. (In Alphabetical Order.)	When begun.	MISSIONARIES AND ASSISTANTS. AMERICAN. Ordained.	Medical Men not ordained.	Other Men.	Wives.	Other Women.	Total.	NATIVE. Ordained.	Other Preachers.	Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Total.	Total American and Native.	PREACHING. Places for Stated Preaching.	Average Congregations.	Sabbath-School Membership.	Adherents.	Population within limits of Station (including Out-Stations).
Fên chou fu	1886	3			2		5		1				6	2	40		20	500,000
Liman Chuang	1888													1	20			
Tai ku	1882	3	1		4		8						8	1	40		24	500,000
In the summary of each mission give here the *number* of Out-Stations																		
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SUPPLEMENTARY BLANK for use of such Missions of the A. B. C. F. M. as have Medical or Publication Work.

Shansi, China MISSION. For the Mission Year ending Jan 26th, 1890.

STATIONS.	MEDICAL WORK. No. of Hospitals and Dispensaries.	No. of Patients.	Of whom were Males.	PUBLICATION WORK. Volumes Printed.	No. of Tracts Printed.	No. of Pages Printed.	Bibles or Portions Distributed.	Books and Tracts Distributed.	REMARKS.
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Fên chou fu									

ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending Jan 26th 1890. (State when the year ends.)

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	CHURCHES.					EDUCATION.											PAYMENTS BY THE PEOPLE.					
								COLLEGE, BOARDING, AND HIGH SCHOOLS.				COMMON SCHOOLS.										
Population within limits of Station (including Out-Stations).	No. of Churches.	Members.	Of whom are Women.	Received on Confession.	Whole Number from the First.	Theological Schools.	Students.	For Boys.	Pupils.	For Girls.	Pupils.	Number.	Male Pupils.	Female Pupils.	Others under Instruction.	Grand Total under Instruction.	For Preaching.	For Building and Repairs (Church and School).	For Schools (Salaries and Tuition).	For Missions (Home and Foreign).	Miscellaneous.	Total for all Purposes.
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NATIVE.																		
Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Total.	Total American and Native.	Places for Stated Preaching.	Average Congregations.	Sabbath-School Membership.	Adherents.	Population within limits of Station (including Out-Stations).	No. of Churches.	Members.	Of whom are Women.	Received on Confession.	Whole Number from the First.	Theological Schools.	Students.	For Boys.	Pupils.	For Girls.
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Year ending Jan 26th 1890. (State when the year ends.)

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Pupils.	For Girls.	Pupils.	Number.	Male Pupils.	Female Pupils.	Others under Instruction.	Grand Total under Instruction.	For Preaching.	For Building and Repairs (Church and School).	For Schools (Salaries and Tuition).	For Missions (Home and Foreign).	Miscellaneous.	Total for all Purposes.	REMARKS.
														Tuition paid by pupils in School at Tai ku
19												$72,35		
														In addition 4 children of members were baptized last year.
19												$72,35		

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Tab. View
Summary
Jan. 26, '90.

An. Tab. View 1889-90.
Shansi Mission
Rec'd July 25.

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NOTES AND SUGGESTIONS.

1. Each Station Secretary should prepare the
of his station and its out-stations, in alphabetical
them up, and send them to the Mission Secretary,
make up the Grand Total, and forward each stati
with summary of the whole, to Boston. This should b
soon as possible after the close of the mission year.

2. Missionaries, though absent from their sta
to be reported.

3. "Other preachers" should include catec
such helpers as are frequently engaged in preachin
no person twice.

4. Places for stated preaching should inclu
where services are regularly held, whether there a
buildings or not.

5. "Adherents" means church members *plus*
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the *board* of pupils can do so in the column headed "

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work will report the same on the Supplementary Blan
for that purpose.

Shansi Mission

Report of Committee on Estimates.

The committee on estimates beg leave to submit for your approval the following schedule of estimated expenditures for the year 1891.

I.

Salaries

	$
D. H. Clapp	950
F. W. Davis	950
Dr. Jas. Goldsbury	950
~~J. H. Price~~ J. J. Atwood.	1150
C. W. Price	1150
M. L. Stimson	1250
J. B. Thompson	638.33
~~[illegible]~~	
Miss D'Etta Hewitt	425.–
" Rowena Bird	426.–
	7,883.33

(over)

Amount brought forward		$7883.33
Teachers Tai-Ku	$262	
" Fen chow fou	120	
		$382
Touring Tai-Ku	50	
" Fen chow fou	100	
		150
Rents Tai Ku		150
Repairs Tai Ku	200	
" Fen chow fou	75	275
Education		300
Chapels Tai Ku	75	
" Fen chow fou	75	
		150
Medicines		200
Incidentals for Summering		200
1/2 Mail Expenses		125
Opening work in New Stations		150
		$ ~~7815.33~~ 9965.33

Respectfully Submitted
A. H. Clark
J. B. Thompson.
Com.

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Estimates for 1891.
Rec'd April 16, 1890

Revised Estimates for the Shansi Mission for 1891. 1st List. Contingent

Chapels	$125.00
Rents	$150.00
Repairs	$150.00
Medical Stores	$120.00
Teachers	$220.00
Incidentals	$150.00
Mail Service one-half cost	$110.00
New Work	$ 50.00
Total.	$1075.00

2nd List. Contingent Expenses

Chapels	$150.00
Rents	$150.00
Repairs	$275.00
Medical Stores	$200.00
Education	$300.00
Teachers	$240.00
Incidentals	$200.00
Mail Service one-half cost	$125.00
Touring	$150.00
Opening new Stations	$150.00
Total.	1940.00

Recd. Nov. 1890

Salaries.

Rev. L. J. Atwood.	$1150
Miss Bird.	500
Rev. D. H. Clapp.	950
Rev. H. W. Davis.	950
Dr. Goldsbury.	1050
Rev. C. W. Price	1150
Rev. J. B. Thompson	650
Rev. G. L. Williams	950
Rev. G. W. Wright	950
Miss Hewett.	500

Teachers.

Dr. Goldsbury	$60
Mr. Clapp.	40
Miss Bird	50
Miss Hewett.	50
Mr. Davis	70
Mr. Price.	70
Mr. Thompson	30
Dr. Atwood	40.

Rents, Taken	$150
~~Education~~ "	
1/2 Mail.	140
Medicine Taken	250.
" From Chinese	250
Repairs	
General. Taken	125
" From Chinese	125.
For 3 families Taken	150
" 2 " From Chinese	100
" Mr. Thompson " "	15.

Totals.

For Salaries	$8,800 ✓
" Teachers.	470 ✓
" Repairs	515 ✓
" Education	300
" Rent.	150 ✓
" 1/2 Mail	140 ✓
" Medicines.	500 ✓
	$10,815.

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NAMES OF STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS. (In Alphabetical Order.)	When begun.	MISSIONARIES AND ASSISTANTS. AMERICAN. Ordained.	Medical Men not ordained.	Other Men.	Wives.	Other Women.	Total.	NATIVE. Ordained.	Other Preachers.	Teachers.	Other Helpers.	Total.	Total American and Native.	PREACHING. Places for Stated Preaching.	Average Congregations.	Sabbath-School Membership.	Adherents.	Population within limits of Station (including Out-Stations).
Fenchou fu	1886	4			3		7			1		1	1	2	30			200000
Taiku	1884	2	1		3	2	8			1		1	9	1	40	30		300000
Wên Shui	1890													1				

IUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending Dec. 31 1890 (State when the year

ooms, Boston, as soon as practicable after the close of the year.]

Stations).	CHURCHES.					EDUCATION.										PAYMENTS BY THE PEOPLE.					
	No. of Churches.	Members.	Of whom are Women.	Received on Confession.	Whole Number from the First.	Theological Schools.	Students.	COLLEGE, BOARDING, AND HIGH SCHOOLS. For Boys.	Pupils.	For Girls.	Pupils.	COMMON SCHOOLS. Number.	Male Pupils.	Female Pupils.	Others under Instruction.	Grand Total under Instruction.	For Preaching.	For Building and Repairs (Church and School).	For Schools (Salaries and Tuition).	For Missions (Home and Foreign).	Miscellaneous.
oo	1	10	3	10																	
oo												1	20			20					

ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending Dec. 31 1890 (State when the year ends.)

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Population within limits of Station (including Out-Stations).	CHURCHES. No. of Churches.	Members.	Of whom are Women.	Received on Confession.	Whole Number from the First.	EDUCATION. Theological Schools.	Students.	COLLEGE, BOARDING, AND HIGH SCHOOLS. For Boys.	Pupils.	For Girls.	Pupils.	COMMON SCHOOLS. Number.	Male Pupils.	Female Pupils.	Others under Instruction.	Grand Total under Instruction.	PAYMENTS BY THE PEOPLE. For Preaching.	For Building and Repairs (Church and School).	For Schools (Salaries and Tuition).	For Missions (Home and Foreign).	Miscellaneous.	Total for all Purposes.	REMARKS.
10000	1	10	3	10																			Board in School $48.00 contributed by pupils.
10000												1	20			20							

SUPPLEMENTARY BLANK for use of such Missions of the A. B. C. F. M. as have Medical or Publication Work.

Shansi MISSION. For the Mission Year ending Dec 31 1890

STATIONS.	MEDICAL WORK.			PUBLICATION WORK.					REMARKS.
	No. of ~~Hospitals~~ and Dispensaries.	No. of Patients.	Of whom were Males.	Volumes Printed.	No. of Tracts Printed.	No. of Pages Printed.	Bibles or Portions Distributed.	Books and Tracts Distributed.	
Taiku	1	15'00	1250						

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Taiyuan fu	'86	2	1	0	3	1	7		1	1		1	8	2	90		30
Tai Chow	'92	1	0	0			1						1	1	90		13
Fen ku	'83	1	1	0	2	1	5		2	1		3	8	2	40	90	90

Mission. **ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending** Dec. 31 eb 1891 (State when the year ends.)

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PREACHING.					CHURCHES.					EDUCATION.											PAYMENTS BY THE PEOPLE.						
												COLLEGE, BOARDING, AND HIGH SCHOOLS.				COMMON SCHOOLS.											
Places for Stated Preaching.	Average Congregations.	Sabbath-School Membership.	Adherents.	Population within limits of Station (including Out-Stations).	No. of Churches.	Members.	Of whom are Women.	Received on Confession.	Whole Number from the First.	Theological Schools.	Students.	For Boys.	Pupils.	For Girls.	Pupils.	Number.	Male Pupils.	Female Pupils.	Others under Instruction.	Grand Total under Instruction.	For Preaching.	For Building and Repairs (Church and School).	For Schools (Salaries and Tuition).	For Missions (Home and Foreign).	Miscellaneous.	Total for all Purposes.	REMARKS.
2	90		30	50000	1	10	5	10	10							1	11	1	18	30				1			
1	90		13	25000												1	11		2	13				1	1		
2	40	90	90	50000												1	20		10	30				1		1	

D'Etta Hewitt
Sec. of Mission.

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3. "Other preachers" should include catechists, and such helpers as are frequently engaged in preaching. Count

Sept. 2, 1892

Report of Com. on Estimates for '93.

Haiku Station

Salaries.

Dr. Goldsbury	$1050.00
Mr. Williams	950
D. H. Clapp.	950.
M. Atwater.	1150.
Miss Bird	500

Teachers.

Dr. Goldsbury	67.
Mr Williams	67
Mr Atwater	67
Mr Clapp	45
Miss Bird	67.

Rents

Dr Goldsbury	56.00
School Premises for 2½ years	180.00
Mr. Atwater	75.00

Repairs.

Dr Goldsbury	50
Mr Williams	50
Mr. Atwater	50
Mr Clapp	50
Miss Bird	50.
School	100.

Touring.

D. H. Clapp	50.
Dr. Goldsbury.	25.
Native Helpers.	125.
Medical Work. drugs etc.	200.
Assistants.	700.
New Work	100.
School	350
Incidentals	150
Total for Tarlen Station	$6,569.00

Fenchow Station

Salaries.

Dr Atwood	$1150.00
E. N. Price	1150.
M. Davis	950.
Miss Hewitt	500.

Teachers.

Dr. Atwood	30.
E. N. Price	45.
M. Davis	50
Miss Hewitt	50

Repairs

Repairs.

C. N. Price	120.
F. W. Davis (including 50 special)	100.
I. J. Atwood Supernumerary Grant for hardware etc	200.
Miss Hewitt	50.

Touring

C. N. Price.	15.
I. J. Atwood	25.
F. W. Davis	25.

Chapels

Tai Ho Chiao	$ 50
Nan Shui Chung.	40.

Medical word, drugs, Ast. etc.	250
Gate-keeper.	30.
Assistant	30.
Native Helper.	30

Station Classes

Nan Shui Chung	40
Tai Ho chiao	60
School Nan Shui Chung	120
Incidentals	150.

Total for Tsin Chow Station $ 5250.00

Touring.

D. H. Clapp	50.
Dr. Goldsbury.	25.
Native Helpers.	125.
Medical Work drugs etc.	200.
Assistants.	100.
New Work	100.
School	350
Incidentals	150
Total for Tarku Station	$6,569.00

Hunchun Station

Salaries.

Dr Atwood	$1150.00
E. N. Price	1150.
M. Davis	950.
Miss Hewitt	500.

Teachers.

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E. N. Price	45.
M. Davis	50
Miss Hewitt	50

Repairs

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Touring

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F. W. Davis	25.

Chapels

Tai Ho Chiao	$ 50
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Medical work, drugs, Ast. etc.	250
Gate-keeper.	30.
Assistant	30.
Native Helper.	30

Station Classes

Nan Shui Chung	40
Tai Ho chiao	60
School Nan Shui Chung	120
Incidentals	150.

Total for Tsin Chow Station $. 5250.00

Jen Tsung Station

J. B. Thompson, salary	650
General Repairs.	25.
Fuel	20.
Chapel	20
Fencing	25.
Rent.	36.50
Teacher for School	75.
Incidentals	50.
Total for Jen Tsung Station	$901.50

Recd May 16-1894

Contingent List of Estimates.

Tauku

Teachers	$1524.00
Repairs	350.
Touring	75
Native Helper.	125
Medical Assistant	100.
Need Work	100.
Incidentals	150.

Tsen Choufu

Teachers	$90.00
Tale-keeper & Med. Assistant	60.
Native Helper	30
Station Classes.	90.
Touring	65
Repairs C. H. Price	120
G. H. Davis	100.
Miss Howard	50
Incidentals	150.

Tsun

Touring	$25.00
Incidentals	50.
	1884.00

Receipt Book 16-1892

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Shansi Mission MISSION. For the Mission Year ending Dec. 31st 189

STATIONS.	MEDICAL WORK.			PUBLICATION WORK.					REMARKS
	No. of Hospitals and Dispensaries.	No. of Patients.	Of whom were Males.	Volumes Printed.	No. of Tracts Printed.	No. of Pages Printed.	Bibles or Portions Distributed	Books and Tracts Distributed.	
en Cho fu	1	660	440						
Taikiu	1	630							month half of the 631 seen Taikiu treated by month
{Jen Tsun Li Man}	—	100							
		50							
		1441							

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n cho fu	1887	3			3	1	7		1			1	8	2	60		110	500000	1	4	2		6	
i Tai Hsien (outstation)	1891													1	30									
														3	90									
o Tsun	1891	1			1		2							1	25		10	100000						
yi hsien	1883	3	1		4	1	9		2	1	1	2	12	1	40	40	50	320000		4			28	5
he Wang C. S.	1892									1		1	1	1	20		15	10000						

In the summary of each mission give here the *number* of Out-Stations . . . . .

GRAND TOTAL . . . . . .

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PREACHING.				CHURCHES.					EDUCATION.											PAYMENTS BY THE PEOPLE.						
											COLLEGE, BOARDING, AND HIGH SCHOOLS.				COMMON SCHOOLS.											
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0		110	500000	1	4	2		6								10½	1	103	114½							$46.93
0																		3								
0																		106	117½							
5		10	100000												1	12		7	19							Pupils board
0	40	50	300000		4			25			1	24		1	1	7		14	46	$10				$4.		$20.50
0		15	10000												1	7										$104.50

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1892.

The past year has been markt by a very high rate of exchange For the first six months, Am.gold brought the fixt rate of 90 tael centsto the dollar, and for the second six months gold has been equal to the Tientsin tael.

The mission a/c shows a surplus of $1089.14 in 6 departments and in the 3 others the total amt of appropriation was expended.

Of the permanent funds of the mission some changes may be noted. The remainder of the original building fund for Fencho Fu has been expended on new buildings for Dr. Atwood's med. work,viz: $36.87. There stil remains of the T'aiku building fund $418.63. The press fund has been increased from $112.92 to $115.22 by sales of printing paper for $2.30. The F.M. Price building fund is unchanged. The 'riksha fund was unchanged on Dec.31 but a spring cart has since been purchased for 50,000 ful cash, wh. wil appear in the annual a/c for 1893.

The appropriations for '93 just in show that the Pru.Com. failed to grant 3 items in the mission estimates, viz:1/2 mail,incidentals,and the sup'y appro. to finish Dr.Atwood's new bildings at F.C.Fu. Your treas.would therefore recommend that the sum necessarily expended in the above-mentioned departments,except mail, during the ~~coming~~ current year be pd. from the surplus in other items of the appro's. for this year, provided that the total expenditure shal not exceed the total appropriated by the Pru.Com.

With thanks to all my fellow-members for their sympathy and cooperation, Respectfully submitted, F.W.Davis, Treas.S.Mission.

TABLE OF ESTIMATES FOR 1894.

T'aiku.--Salaries: Atwater, $1150;Clapp,$950, Williams,950,Bird,500, Partridge,500. Total sal. $4050.
Teachers: Atwater,75, Williams,75,Bird & Partridge,75,Clapp,40 Total for teachers, $265.
Rent, 150.;Repairs:Atwater,50,Williams,50,Clapp,50,Miss Bird,25
Nativ Helpers,(at least)75,(needed)100,
Chapels,50;Schools,T'aiku,350,Ch'e Wang,50
Touring: Atwater,25,Williams,25,Bird,25.Total T'aiku $5265.
Fêncho Fu.--Sal:Atwood,1250,Price,1150,Davis,1050.Total,$3450.
Teachers:Atwood,30,Price,40,Davis,50.Total $120.
Repairs:Price,50,Davis,50;Total,$100.Sch.,300;defici.this y. 150.
Chapels:Atwood,50,Davis,50,Nativ Helper,40(for Atwood).
Touring:Atwood,25,Davis,25. Total F.C.Fu $~~4210~~. 4310
Jên Ts'un.--Sal.950;Teacher of d.school,65;general repairs,75;chapel 50;touring,30;rent,40. Total Jên Ts'un,$1210.
Medicines,300, Gen.Contingent,250, New Work,150, Sta.Classes,50.
Grand total for all purposes, $~~11,435.00~~ 11,535.00

Yours Respectfully
Della H. Thompson
Sec. of Mission.

Recd June 24, 1893.

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Ping Yüan	1893	3			3		6			1			1	1	20		5	50000	1	3	3					
Ten Cho fu	1887	3			3		6		1	2		3	9	4	120		75	50000	1	8	3					
Jen Tsun	1891	1			1		2			1		1	2	1	25		8	25000								
Tai Yüan	1883	3			3	2	8		1	1		2	10	2	50	40	60	100000								1
Tai ku	1893									1			1	1	20		5	5000								
Ping Ting	1893									1		1	1	1	20		17	10000								
Ts'i Wang																										

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Shansi MISSION. For the Mission Year ending Dec. 31st 1893

STATIONS.	Medical Work. No. of Hospitals and Dispensaries.	No. of Patients	Of whom were Males.	Publication Work. Volumes Printed.	No. of Tracts Printed.	No. of Pages Printed.	Bibles or Portions Distributed.	Books and Tracts Distributed.	REMARKS.
Ten cho fu	one each	1470	two thirds				42	738	The 750 reported from Jen Tsun include Bibles & Tracts.
Jen Tsun								750	
Tai ku							140	1468	

In the summary of each mission give here the number of Out-Stations	3 Out Stations.																									
GRAND TOTAL	3	7	1	8	7	2	16	2	7	9	24	10	235	40	170	190000	1	8	3	2	21	16				

ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending Dec. 31st 1893 (State when the year ends.)

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												1	16		2	18					$10.		
50000	1	8	3									2	22	5	153	180					$50		Amount paid by Chinese for board of pupils in Tai Ku boarding school was $73.47
25000												1	5		8	13							
100 000								1	34						31	65	$10.00						
5000												1	2	4									
10000												1	10			10							The Tai Ku church was not organized until 1894 yet it seems but fair to report there were 13 baptised Xtians including one woman in 1893.
190000	1	8	3					1	34			6	55	9	194	258	$10.00				$50.00		
	2	21	[illegible]	16																			

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Dec. 31, 93.

NOTES AND SUGGESTIONS.

1. Each Station Secretary should prepare the statisti of his station and its out-stations, in alphabetical order, fo them up, and send them to the Mission Secretary, who w make up the Grand Total, and forward each station repo *with summary of the whole*, to Boston. This should be done soon as possible after the close of the mission year.

2. Missionaries, though absent from their stations, a to be reported.

3. "Other preachers" should include catechists, an such helpers as are frequently engaged in preaching. Cou no person twice.

4. Places for stated preaching should include plac where services are regularly held, whether there are chur buildings or not.

5. "Adherents" means church members *plus* all othe whether children or adults, who are under Christian instructio or are recognized as belonging to the Christian community.

6. "Population within limits of the station" is an impo tant item, though often the report can only be an estimate. is desirable to know how many people are within reach of th station and mission. The question is often asked: "What the population within your field of operation?"

7. The column "Others under Instruction" should giv medical students, members of station classes not reported Theological schools, and all under private instruction.

8. Under the general heading "Payments by the People it will be well to include under the column for "Preaching not merely the salaries of preachers, but such sums as are pa for rent, warming and lighting and care of rooms.

9. Such missions as desire to report the amount paid f the *board* of pupils can do so in the column headed "Remarks

10. Such missions as conduct a medical or a publicatio work will report the same on the Supplementary Blank provid for that purpose.

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SALARY FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SALARIES Shansi MISSION China for 1897

STATIONS AND NAMES OF MISSIONARIES.	PERSONAL SALARY. Gold	CHILDREN IN COUNTRY. Gold	CHILDREN IN UNITED STATES. Gold	TOTAL SALARY. Gold
Paikiu Station				
Rev. D. H. Clapp	$950.00			$950.00
Rev. G. L. Williams	$950.00	One child 1 year $47.50 " " 3 year $47.50 $95.00		$1045.00
Dr. Wm. L. Hall	$950.00	One child 1 year $47.50 " " 7 years $95.00 " " 8 years $95.00 $237.50		$1187.50
Miss R. Bird (b)	$500.00 (b)			$500.00
" M. L. Partridge (b)	$500.00 (b)			$500.00
Fenchow fu Station				
Dr. J. J. Atwood	$950.00	One child 4 years $47.50 " " 9 " $95.00 " " 17 " $130.00 $272.50	One child 17 years $120.00	$1222.50
Rev. E. R. Atwater	$950.00	One child 1 year $47.50 " " 5 years $47.50 " " 7 " $95.00 $190.00		$1140.00
Jen Psun Station				
Rev. F. W. Davis	$950.00	One child 4 years $47.50		$997.50

Total salaries for Shansi Mission China $7542.50 Gold

The same in dollars.

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Shansi Mission for 1897

Paikiu Station.

		Gold	Gold
General Work of the A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency	Chapel	30 00	30.00
Education	Boys School, Wages	300 00	
	" " , Rent	35 00	
	" " , Repairs	20 00	
			355.00
Buildings	Rent	65 00	
	Repairs	30 00	
	" Special for Dr Hall	85 00	
			180.00
Miscellaneous	Touring	65 00	
	Medical work supplies	300 00	
	" " assistants	40 00	
	Chinese Teachers for Missionaries	130 00	
			535.00
	Total A.B.C.F.M.		1100.00
General Work Womans Boards (b.)			
	Chinese Teachers for Missionaries	75 00	
	Touring	50 00	
	Incidental	50 00	
	Total Womans Board		175.00
			$1275.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Shansi Mission for 1897

Fenchowfu Station.

		Gold	Gold
General Work A. B. C. F. M.			
Native Agency	Chapel	$40 00	$40.00
Education	Boys School Wages &c	350 00	350.00
Building	Repairs	50 00	50.00
Miscellaneous	Medical Work Supplies	300 00	
	" " Assistant	60 00	
	Pouring	25 00	
	Chinese teachers for Missionaries	90 00	
	Incidentals	75 00	
			550.00
	Total A.B.C.F.M		$990.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Shansi Mission for 1897

Jen Tsun Station.

		Gold	Gold
General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native Agency	Chapel	15 00	15.00
Education	Girls School	100 00	100.00
Building	Repairs	25 00	
	Rent	25 00	50.00
Miscellaneous	Touring	20 00	
	Incidental	30 00	50.00
Total A.B.C.F.M.			$215.00

SUMMARY.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SUMMARY FOR Shansi MISSION China for 1897

STATIONS.	SALARIES. Gold	GENERAL WORK. A. B. C. F. M. Gold	GENERAL WORK. WOMEN'S BOARDS. (b) Gold	TOTAL.
Taiku	$4182.50	$1100.00	$175.00	$1275.00
Fenchowfu	$2362.50	$990.00		$990.00
Jen Psun	$997.50	$215.00		$215.00
Totals	$7542.50	$2305.00	$175.00	$2480.00
			Grand Total Asked,	$10022.50

Rate of Exchange, Gold

Date, April 15th 1896

Signed, F. W. Davis, D. H. Clapp, J. J. Atwood } Com. on Estimates

Rec'd June 27, 1896.

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SUMMARY.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SUMMARY FOR Ahmednagar MISSION Marathi

STATIONS.	SALARIES.	GENERAL WORK.	
		A. B. C. F. M.	Women's Boards. (C)
	Gold	Gold	Gold
Ahmednagar	$1183.50	$100.00	$175.00
Sangamner	$384.50	$70.00	
Ghar Jam	$207.50	$15.00	
Totals	$1775.50	$2305.00	$175.00
Grand Total Asked,			

Rate of Exchange, Gold

Date, April 15th 1896 Signed, J. M. Ranii } Com.
R. H. Leitch
J. J. Lawrence } Stations

Name of Stations .....

Name of Town or Village.	Population of District.	Date Begun.	Name of Church.	Preaching Places.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Adherents.	Communicants.	Added by Confession during Year.	Average Congregation.	Sabbath Schools.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath School Scholars.	Church Buildings Owned.	Preacher's Houses Owned.
Totals.															
Tai Hsu				4				30	10			6 native preachers			
Hsu Chow fu				2				28	11						
Jen Tsun															

ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending December 31, 1896

CHURCHES.

Preacher's Houses Owned.	Preacher's Salary.	Rent.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Paid by the People (Church).	Other Local Receipts.	Granted by the Board or Society.	Salaries & Expens. of Bible Women, Colporteurs, and Evangelists.	Contributions to Home and Foreign Missions.	Contributions to Building Funds.	Total Native Contributions.	Granted by Society for Church and School Buildings.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Special Bible Training.	Boys in Boarding and High Schools.	Girls in Boarding and High Schools.	Number of Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.
													No. of Schools					
teachers or teachers				1 Bible woman									2		25	10		

ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending December 31, 1896

...IES.

Rent.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Paid by the People (Church).	Other Local Receipts.	Granted by the Board or Society.	Salaries & Expens. of Bible Women, Colporteurs, and Evangelists.	Contributions to Home and Foreign Missions.	Contributions to Building Funds.	Total Native Contributions.	Granted by Society for Church and School Buildings.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Special Bible Training.	Boys in Boarding and High Schools.	Girls in Boarding and High Schools.	Number of Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	Boys in Day
											No. of Schools						
...teachers		1 Bible woman									2		25	10			

Shawnee Mission.

EDUCATION.

Tab. View

Dec. 31, '96.

Pupils in Day Schools.	Boys in Day Schools.	Girls in Day Schools.	How many are Christians.	How many attend Sabbath School.	How many united with the Church during the Year.	Foreign Teachers or Missionaries employed (Men).	For'gn Teach'rs or Missionaries employed (Women).	Native Teachers (Men).	Native Teachers (Women).	Non-Christian Teachers.	Salaries of Native Teachers.	Rent.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Received in Fees.	Native Contributions for Schools.	Other Local Aid.	Granted by the Board or Society.

SUMMARY.

Name of Mission ..... Date Organized .....

Country ..... Date of Report .....

Name of Station .....

No. of Stations ..... Population of field .....

Number of Out-Stations .....

Number of Preaching Places .....

Number of Sabbath-Schools .....

Number of Day Schools .....

Number of Boys' High Schools .....

Number of Girls' High Schools .....

Number of Theological and Training Schools .....

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES.

Ordained Missionaries .....

Unordained Missionaries .....

Missionary Physicians (Men) .....

Missionary Physicians (Women) .....

Wives of Missionaries .....

Single Women Missionaries .....

Total American or European Force .....

NATIVE WORKERS.

Ordained Ministers (Settled Pastors) .....

Ordained Ministers (not Settled Pastors) .....

Unordained Preachers and Evangelists .....

Colporteurs .....

Bible-Women .....

Teachers (Men) ..... (Non-Christian) .....

Teachers (Women) ..... (Non-Christian) .....

Physicians .....

Medical Assistants .....

Printers .....

Total Native Force .....

Natives employed by Mission not included in above .....

MEDICAL SUMMARY.

Number of Hospitals .....

Number of Beds .....

Number of In-Patients .....

Number of Dispensaries .....

Number of Out-Patients .....

Receipts in Fees .....

Other Local Receipts .....

Grants by the Society .....

PRINTING PRESS.

Number of Printing Establishments .....

Number of Pages Printed during Year .....

Number of Pages Printed from beginning .....

Number of Scripture Portions .....

Number of other Books .....

Total Cost of running Press .....

Total Sales for the Year .....

Granted by Society .....

NOTES.

This blank can be used for Station reports, or to make up the total
sion, comprising the statistics from a number of Stations.

Adherents include all communicants, baptized children, inquirer
struction or received on probation, and regular church attendants.

All contributions, fees, or Society grants are understood to mean
closing the report.

Day Schools should show daily average attendance during the ye
enrollment.

All salaries, contributions, and Society grants should be state
currency.

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.
Totals,															
Tai-ken	1884		2		1		2	3	8		3		1		
Fencho fu	1887		3		1			2	5				1		
Sen Tsien	1891		2					2	4		1		1		

Note: I cannot vouch for the accuracy of the above statistics because I can only quote from memory.

Dr. Atwood is an ordained missionary

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending Dec. 31st 1896

ERS.			CHURCH STATISTICS.									EDUCATIONAL STATISTI						
													PUPILS.					
Total Native Helpers.	Other Native Helpers.	Bible Women.	Out-Stations, Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 189 .	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.	Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Other Schools.	Boys.
			4	1		30			130				1		1	30			
						30			75						1	30			
						2			20						1		10		

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending Dec. 31st 1896

CHURCH STATISTICS.										EDUCATIONAL STATIST							
											PUPILS.						
Sunday School Membership.	Sunday Schools.	Average Attendance.	Adherents.	Added by Confession, 189 .	Communicants.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Organized Churches.	Out-Stations. Places of Regular Meeting.	Total Native Helpers.	Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Other Schools.	Boys.
		130			30		1	4			1		1	30			
		75			30								1	30			
		20			2								1		10		

Jhansi Mission. Tab. View

| STATISTICS. | | |

Statistics Shansi Mission
for 1896
prepared by Rev. F. W. Davis
Rec'd July 9-1897

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Country,.....

Name of Mission,.....

Name of Station,.....

Organized,.....

Date of Report,.....

MEDICAL SUMMARY.

Number of Hospitals,.....

Number of Beds,.....

Number of In-Patients,.....

Number of Dispensaries,.....

Number of Out-Patients,.....

*Total Expenses including Assistants,.....

Receipts in Fees,.....

PRINTING PRESS.

Number of Printing Establishments,.....

Number of Pages Printed during Year,.....

Number of Pages Printed from Beginning,.....

Number of Scripture Portions,.....

Number of other Books,.....

*Total Expen's of running Press, incl'g Supplie

Total Sales for the Year,.....

NOTES.

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Adherents include all communicants, baptized c inquirers under instruction or received on probation, ular church attendants.

All contributions, fees or Society grants are unde mean for the year closing the report.

Day Schools should show daily average attendanc the year, not total enrollment.

All salaries, contributions, and Society grants s stated in native currency.

Expenses or contributions entered in one colum not be entered in another column.

The salary of a preacher also engaged in teachin the week should be divided between congregational and school expenses in the proportion to which he de time to each.

*Not including salaries of foreign missionaries.

Meeting places should include organized churche

Adherents include communicants.

It is desirable to group towns and villages by t tion to an organized church, or by circuits, rather enter them alphabetically.

Name of Station .....

Name of Town or Village.	Population of District.	Date Begun.	Name of Church.	Preaching Places.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Adherents.	Communicants.	Added by Confession during Year.	Average Congregation.	Sabbath Schools.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath School Scholars.
Totals.													
				~~5~~	~~2~~								
			Tai-ku	5	1					70	1	6	50
			Fên-chou-fu	3	1					80			
			Jen Pên	1						20			

ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending Dec. 31 1896

CHURCHES.																					
Sabbath School Scholars.	Church Buildings Owned.	Preacher's Houses Owned.	Preacher's Salary.	Rent.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Paid by the People (Church).	Other Local Receipts.	Granted by the Board or Society.	Salaries & Expens. of Bible Women, Colporteurs, and Evangelists.	Contributions to Home and Foreign Missions.	Contributions to Building Funds.	Total Native Contributions.	Granted by Society for Church and School Buildings.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Special Bible Training.	Boys in Boarding and High Schools.	Girls in Boarding and High Schools.	Number of Day Schools.
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ANNUAL TABULAR VIEW for the Year ending Dec. 31 1896

RCHES.

Preacher's Salary.	Rent.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Paid by the People (Church).	Other Local Receipts.	Granted by the Board or Society.	Salaries & Expens. of Bible Women, Colporteurs, and Evangelists.	Contributions to Home and Foreign Missions.	Contributions to Building Funds.	Total Native Contributions.	Granted by Society for Church and School Buildings.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Special Bible Training.	Boys in Boarding and High Schools.	Girls in Boarding and High Schools.	Number of Day Schools.	Pupils in Day
														30		1	
														25	~~10~~ 10		

Shansi Mission. 118

EDUCATION.

Tab. View

Dec. 31, 96.

Number of Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	Boys in Day Schools.	Girls in Day Schools.	How many are Christians.	How many attend Sabbath School. (Boarding school before)	How many united with the Church during the Year.	Foreign Teachers or Missionaries employed (Men).	For'gn Teach'rs or Missionaries employed (Women). (Boarding & day school)	Native Teachers (Men).	Native Teachers (Women).	Non-Christian Teachers.	Salaries of Native Teachers.	Rent.	Other Expenses.	Total Expenses.	Received in Fees.	Native Contributions for Schools.	Other Local Aid.	Granted by the Board or Society.
1					30		1	2	2										
									1										
									1										

SUMMARY.

Name of Mission Shansi Date Organized

Country China Date of Report

Name of Station

No. of Stations 3 Population of field

Number of Out-Stations 6

Number of Preaching Places

Number of Sabbath-Schools 1

Number of Day Schools 1

Number of Boys' ~~High~~ Boarding Schools 2

Number of Girls' ~~High~~ Boarding Schools 1

Number of Theological and Training Schools

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES.

Ordained Missionaries 7 (one a physician)

Unordained Missionaries

Missionary Physicians (Men) 2

Missionary Physicians (Women)

Wives of Missionaries ~~6~~ 7

Single Women Missionaries 2

Total American or European Force 17

Two families + one single woman of this number are in U.S.

NATIVE WORKERS.

Ordained Ministers (Settled Pastors)

Ordained Ministers (not Settled Pastors)

Unordained Preachers and Evangelists 4

Colporteurs 2

Bible-Women 1

Teachers (Men) (Non-Christian) 1

Teachers (Women) (Non-Christian)

Physicians

Medical Assistants 2

Printers

Total Native Force 10

Natives employed by Mission not included in above

MEDICAL SUMMARY.

Number of Hospitals 2

Number of Beds

Number of In-Patients

Number of Dispensaries 2

Number of Out-Patients

Receipts in Fees

Other Local Receipts

Grants by the Society

PRINTING PRESS.

Number of Printing Establishments

Number of Pages Printed during Year

Number of Pages Printed from beginning

Number of Scripture Portions

Number of other Books

Total Cost of running Press

Total Sales for the Year

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SALARY FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SALARIES Shansi MISSION China for 1898

STATIONS AND NAMES OF MISSIONARIES.	PERSONAL SALARY.	CHILDREN IN COUNTRY.	CHILDREN IN UNITED STATES.	TOTAL SALARY.
General work A. B. C. F. M.			Gold	Gold
Pai Ku				
Clapp	$1000.00	—	—	$1000.00
Hall	1000.00	250.00	—	1250.00
Williams	1000.00	100.00	—	1100.00
Miss Partridge	500.00			500.00
Boys Boarding School			350.00	
Fan chow fu				
Atwood	1000.00	280.00	120.00	1400.00
Price	1000.00	50.00	125.00	1050.00
Atwater	1000.00	250.00	—	1250.00
Miscellaneous				
Printing			60.00	
Medical work supplies			300.00	
Helpers			150.00	
Incidentals			100.00	
		Total Am. Board		$1250.00
General Work Woman's Board (C.)				
Printing			60.00	
Teachers			50.00	
Incidentals			25.00	
		Total Woman's Boards		135.00
		Pai Ku Station Gen. Work Total		$1295.00

Total salaries for Shansi Mission China $8600.00 gold

The same in dollars.

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Shansi Mission for 1898

Pai Ku Station.

General work A. B. C. F. M.	Gold	Gold
Native agency		
Chapel Pai ku	$ 25 00	
Ch'ing yüan Work	50 00	
Education		
Boys Boarding school	350 00	
Buildings		
Rent	100 00	
Repairs	125 00	
Miscellaneous		
Touring	60 00	
Medical work supplies	300 00	
~~Helpers and Medical Assistants~~	150 00	
Incidentals	100 00	
Total Am. Board		$1260.00
General Work Woman's Boards (C)		
Touring	60 00	
Teacher	50 00	
Incidentals	25 00	
Total Woman's Boards		135.00
Pai ku Station Gen. Work Total		$1395.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Shansi Mission for 1898

Fanchoufu Station.

		Gold	Gold
General Work A.B.C.F.M.			
Native agency	Chapel	50 00	
Education	Boys Boarding School	300 00	
Building	Repairs	100 00	
Miscelaneous	Medical Work Supplies	300 00	
	" " assistants	100 00	
	Touring	75 00	
Incidentals		100 00	
	Total Am. Board		$1025.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Shansi Mission for 1898

Jen Ts'un Station.

		Gold	Gold
General Work A. B. C. F. M.			
Native Agency	Chapel	$20 00	
Education	Girls' Boarding School	100 00	
Building	Repairs	50 00	
	Rent	50 00	
Miscelaneous	Touring	50 00	
Incidentaly		30 00	
	Total Am. Board		$300.00

SUMMARY.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SUMMARY FOR Shansi MISSION China for 1898

STATIONS.	SALARIES.	GENERAL WORK.		TOTAL.
		A. B. C. F. M.	WOMEN'S BOARDS.	
Taiku	$3850.00	$1260.00	135.00	5245.00
Fenchowfu	3700.00	1025.00		4725.00
Jen Ts'un	1050.00	300.00		1350.00
Totals	$8600.00	$2585.00	$135.00	

gold

Grand Total Asked, $11270.00

Rate of Exchange,

Date, March 4th 1897

Signed, Rev. J. H. Clapp, Rev. E. R. Atwater, Rev. D. W. Davis } Com. on Estimates

Recd April 26, 1897

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SUMMARY.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SUMMARY FOR Siam MISSION China for 1896

Stations.	Salaries.	General Work. A. B. C. F. M.	General Work. Women's Boards.	Total.
Siam	$3850.00	$1260.00	135.00	$5245.00
Pakhoi	3100.00	1075.00		4175.00
Siam Pkg	1050.00	300.00		1350.00
Totals	$8000.00	$2635.00	$135.00	
Grand Total Asked,	$11170.00			

Rate of Exchange,

Date, March 4th 1897

Signed, Rev. J. H. Chalfant, Rev. E. A. Stimson, Rev. W. M. Brown } Com. on Estimates

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me of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Native Helpers.
tals,																
aitku	'83	30000	2		1		2	3	8		4	1			2	7

Remarks

Note

1. This report includes only that under
liams & Clapp. Dr. Hall prefers to report the
work connected with it for himself.

2. The above does not include three houses the
worship. but does include one where sem

3. There was received in fees from Opium Refug
$134.50. This work, the strictly church work
reported under the head of "Stationless", but have

4. There was also one contribution, made by the Ch
for the sufferers in Turkey, amounting to $21.

5 All the figures representing currency are in C

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending June 30 1897

| | CHURCH STATISTICS. | | |

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending June 30 1897

CHURCH STATISTICS.													EDUCATIONAL STATIS							
														PUPILS.						
Total Native Helpers.	Out-Stations, Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 189 .	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.	Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	Girls.	Boys.	Other Schools.	Boys.			
7	5	1		31	11	300	200	1	50			1	1		25					

er the immediate care of Messrs Hil-
the Medical work & the Evangelistic

that were furnished free for Sabbath
ustrous paid by the natives.

ges not under care of the physician

, is entirely self-supporting. It is often
r preferred to keep it separately
ns & inquirers in this station & Jen Tsun

l. t.

U.S. Gold.

Taiku Station Shansi Mission.

STATISTICS.					NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.						
United with Church during Year.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	Total Number under Instruction.	PUPILS. Girls.	PUPILS. Boys.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	~~For Home and Foreign Missions.~~ Statistics	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
		25			5	$7.00	$69.75	$5.00	$3.10	$84.85	

Note. No appropriation was asked for for "Native work." We have and villages, schools & the Churches and villages in Self-supporting. D. H. Clapp

Name of Missionary, D. H. Clapp.

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Tab. View

June 30, '97.

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Country,.....

Name of Mission, Shansi

Name of Station, Tai Ku

Organized,.....

Date of Report,.....

MEDICAL SUMMARY.

Number of Hospitals,.....

Number of Beds,.....

Number of In-Patients,.....

Number of Dispensaries,.....

Number of Out-Patients,.....

*Total Expenses including Assistants,.....

Receipts in Fees,.....

PRINTING PRESS.

Number of Printing Establishments,.....

Number of Pages Printed during Year,.....

Number of Pages Printed from Beginning,.....

Number of Scripture Portions,.....

Number of other Books,.....

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Total Sales for the Year,.....

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Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.
Totals,															
Jen Ts'un	1891	100,000	2					2	4		1				

[1] During most of this year there was no Missionary on the field. These are still absent

[2] This helper is the teacher of the girls' School. The School is closed owing to the absence of the Missionary ladies.

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending Dec. 31st 1897.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

Total Native Helpers.	Other Native Helpers.	Out-Stations, Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 1897.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.
12					3	1	12	6[3]		

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.

Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.
					4			

[3] There is no organization here. Women do not attend in the absence of the missionary teacher. The ladies; which accounts for such a small average.

[4] Mrs. F. W. Davis had a Girls' B[illegible] at this place, which took her [illegible] She went home on furlo, as th[illegible] one to take her place.

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending Dec. 31st 1897.

| CHURCH STATISTICS. | | |

A. B. C. F. M. Shansi Mission.

APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.					CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	AL STATISTICS.				
	Total Native Contributions.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	For Building and Repairs.	For Education.	For Church and Congregational Expenses.		United with Church during Year.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	Total Number under Instruction.	PUPILS. Girls.	PUPILS. Boys.	Other Schools.
The salary of the preacher is paid by the Board of Shansi is about $40.00 = 60 mo taels.												a Girls' Boarding School hoped to be started when funds, as there was no school.

Name of Missionary, J. B. Thompson

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Country, ...

Name of Mission, Shansi

Name of Station, Jen Tsun

Organized, ...

Date of Report, ...

MEDICAL SUMMARY.

Number of Hospitals, ...

Number of Beds, ...

Number of In-Patients, ...

Number of Dispensaries, ...

Number of Out-Patients, ...

*Total Expenses including Assistants, ...

Receipts in Fees, ...

PRINTING PRESS.

Number of Printing Establishments, ...

Number of Pages Printed during Year, ...

Number of Pages Printed from Beginning, ...

Number of Scripture Portions, ...

Number of other Books, ...

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Totals,															
Pachowfu	1886		3					2	5			1	1		
Taikw	1884	1,000,000	2		1		2	3	8		2	1		1	4
en Ts'un (1)	1891		2					2	4						1
Outstations, Taikw.															
ung Fang															
hi Hang															
an Chang															
ling Yüan															
nai Hsin															
hai Ying															
i Hsien.															
Taikw Outstations															

(1) for 2 months only

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending Dec 31st 1897

RS.			CHURCH STATISTICS.									EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.							
																PUPILS.			PUPILS.
Bible Women	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.	Out-Stations, Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 1897.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.	Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Other Schools.	Boys.
		2				27	10	100	60	1	60				1	13			
	4	8	7	1		40	18	300	200	1	60				1	23		1	15
	1	1					1	12	6										

LE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending Dec 31st 1897

CHURCH STATISTICS.									EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.							
												PUPILS.			PUPILS.	
Out-Stations. Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 1897.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.	Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Other Schools.	Boys.
			27	10	100	60	1	60				1	13			
7	1		40	18	300	200	1	60				1	23		1	15
				1	12	6										

A.B.C.F.M. Shansi, China Mission.

TISTICS.						NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.					
PUPILS.											
Boys.	Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
						Cash #	Cash	Cash		Cash	
		13				12485	105900			118385	
15		38			3	12330	1165 83	19200		148113	£1 $169.62
											$40.00

#1809 cash = $1.00 gold

Name of Missionary, E. R. Atwater Sec'y.

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Country, China

Name of Mission, Shansi Mission

Name of Station,

Organized, 1882

Date of Report, March 1898

MEDICAL SUMMARY.

Number of Hospitals, 2

Number of Beds,

Number of In-Patients, 566

" " Opium patients 172 (3 opium

Number of Dispensaries, 2

Number of Out-Patients, 8165

*Total Expenses including Assistants, $9

Receipts in Fees, $349.02 g

PRINTING PRESS.

Number of Printing Establishments,

Number of Pages Printed during Year,

Number of Pages Printed from Beginning,

Number of Scripture Portions,

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SALARY FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SALARIES Shansi MISSION Estimates for 1899

Stations and Names of Missionaries.	Personal Salary.	Children in Country.	Children in United States.	Total Salary.
Taiku				
Rev. D. H. Clapp	$1000.00			$1000.00
Dr. Wm. L. Hall	$1000.00	2 children over 7, $190.00 2 " under 7, 95.00		1285.00
Rev. H. L. Williams	$1000.00	3 " under 7, 142.50		1142.50
Woman's Board				
Miss R. Bird	500.00			500.00
Miss M. L. Partridge	500.00			500.00
Fenchowfu				
Dr. J. J. Atwood	1000.00	1 over 7; 1 under 7; $142.50	1 18 yrs old 130.00	1272.50
Rev. E. R. Atwater	1000.00	2 over 7, 190.00 2 under 7, 95.00		1285.00
Rev. C. W. Price	1000.00	1 under 7, 47.50		1047.50
Jen Tsun				
Rev. F. W. Davis	1000.00	3 under 7, $142.50		1142.50
Rev. J. B. Thompson	1000.00	2 " 7, 95.00		1095.00

Total salaries for Shansi Mission $10,270.00

The same in dollars.

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Shansi Mission for 189

Pai Ku Station.

A. B. C. F. M. General Work

Native Agency		
Chapels	$120.00	
Touring	110.00	
Station Classes	40.00	
Buildings		
Repairs & rents		
in Paiku City	110.00	
" Li Mahu	40.00	
Medical work		
Supplies	300.00	
Assistants	100.00	
Repairs	40.00	
Rent	80.00	
Incidentals	65.00	
Education		
Boarding School	300.00	1040.00
Village School	25.00	
Woman's Board		
Teachers	85.00	
Touring	80.00	
Repairs	50.00	
Incidentals	50.00	
		1595.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Shansi Mission for 1899

Pen Chow fu Station.

General Work A. B. C. F. M.

Native Agency		
Chapel	$50.00	
Touring	75.00	
Education		
Boys Boarding School	300.00	
Buildings		
Repairs		
E. R. Atwater	50.00	
C. W. Price	50.00	
Incidentals	25.00	
Medical Work		
Drugs	$300.00	
assistants	100.00	
Fuel	15.00	
Incidentals	100.00	
		1040.00

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Estimates For Shansi Mission for 1899

Jen Tsun Station.

A. B. C. F. M. — General Work

Native Agency		
Touching	J. B. P.	$25.00
"	F. N. Q.	25.00
Station Classes		60.00
Education		
Girls school		100.00
Rent & Repairs		30.00
Incidentals		25.00
		$255.00

Totals $10 270.00 $2625.00 $255.00 $2896.00

Grand Total asked $13 166.00

Rate of Exchange, 4 s d

Date, Apr. 14th 1898

E. & O. E.

Signed H. Kaufl
Stubbs
H. Thornton

SUMMARY.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SUMMARY FOR Shansi MISSION Estimates for 1899

Stations.	Salaries.	General Work. A. B. C. F. M.	General Work. Women's Boards.	Total.
Taiku	4427.50	1330.00	265.00	1595.
Fenchowfu	3605.00	1040.00		1040.
Jen Tsun	2237.50	255.00		255.
Totals	$10270.00	$2625.00	$265.00	$2890.00
			Grand Total Asked,	$13160.00

Rate of Exchange, Gold

Date, Apr. 14th 1898

E. & O. E.

Signed,

D. H. Clapp
J. J. Atwood
J. B. Thompson

For 1869

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Connected Missions

Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Total Native Helpers.
Totals,			7		1		2	8	18		3	3	1		8
Fenchowfu	1886		3					3	6			1	1		3
Taiku	1883		2		1		2	3	8		2	2			5
Jen Tsun	1891		2					2	4		1				

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending Dec. 31st 1898

PERS.			CHURCH STATISTICS.									EDUCATIONAL					
															PUPILS.		
Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.	Out-Stations, Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 1898.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.	Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	Boys.	Girls.
	8	15	10	2		102	52	610	365	2	110			1	2	33	
	3	5	3	1		40	16	300	150	1	50				1	13	
	5	9	7	1		57	34	300	200	1	60			1	1	20	
		1				5	2	10	15								

BLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending Dec. 31st 1898

	CHURCH STATISTICS.									EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS							
														PUPILS.			PU
	Out-Stations, Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 1898.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.	Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Other Schools.	Boys.
Total	10	2		102	52	610	365	2	110			1	2	33		1	10
	3	1		40	16	300	100	1	50				1	13			
	7	1		57	34	300	200	1	60			1	1	20		1	10
				5	2	10	15										

Shansi (Am. Board) Mission.

ATISTICS.						NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.					APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
PUPILS.											
Boys.	Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	
10	4	34		5	8						40 76
					3	13.54	$20.64			$34.19	162.09
						These amounts are in U.S. Gold					
10	4	34		5	8	$9.20	$79.44	$13.70		$102 34	173.67
											$75.00

Name of Missionary, E. R. Atwater
Sec'y Shansi Missi

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Country, China

Name of Mission, Am. Board

Name of Station, Shansi Mission

Organized, 1882

Date of Report, Dec 31st 1898

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No report of hospital at Taiku

MEDICAL SUMMARY.

* Number of Hospitals, 2

Number of Beds,

Number of In-Patients, 60 (at Fenchow

Number of Dispensaries,

Number of Out-Patients, 4079 " "

*Total Expenses including Assistants,

Receipts in Fees,

PRINTING PRESS.

Number of Printing Establishments,

Number of Pages Printed during Year,

Number of Pages Printed from Beginning,

Number of Scripture Portions,

Number of other Books,

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GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

General Work Estimates For Shansi Mission for ~~189~~ 1900
Fen chow fu Station.

Native Agency			
Chapels	$ 50	—	
Helpers	100	—	
Touring	75	—	
Education			
Boys Boarding School	400	—	
Girls " "	100	—	
Repairs			
E. R. Atwater	50	—	
C. W. Price	50	—	
Medical Work			
Drugs	300	—	
assistants	160	—	
Fuel	25	—	
Incidentals	100	—	
			$1410.—
Jen Pi'un Station			
Touring	60	00	
Opium Refuge Work	75	00	
Rent	35	00	
Girl's Boarding School	200	00	
Incidentals	50	00	
			420.—

GENERAL WORK FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Gen. Work Estimates For Shansi Mission for ~~189~~ 1900

Taiku Station.

Native Agency			
Touring		$100 —	
Buildings			
Repairs (Taiku)		50 —	
Rents (So. Suburb)	$50.—		
" (City)	$60.—		
" Li Man	$75.—	100 —	
Medical Work			
Supplies		200 —	
Assistants		100 —	
Education			
Academy & Boys Boarding School		400 —	
Village Schools		100 —	
Incidentals		100 —	
			$1150.—
Woman's Board			
Incidentals		50 —	
Teachers		70 —	
Touring		80 —	
Station Class		20 —	
Repairs		50 —	
			$270.—
	Grand Total		1420.—

SALARY FORM.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SALARIES Shansi MISSION Estimates for ~~189~~ 1900

Stations and Names of Missionaries.	Personal Salary.	Children in Country.	Children in United States.	Total Salary.
Taiku				
D. H. Clapp	1000.00			1000.00
G. L. Williams	1000.—	3 under 7 $142.50		1142.50
Woman's Board				
Miss R. Bird	500.—			500.—
Miss M. L. Partridge	500.—			500.—
Fenchowfu				
E. R. Atwater	1000.—	2 over 7 $190.— 2 under 7 $95.—		1285.—
C. W. Price	1000.—	1 under 7 $95.—		1095.—
Jen Hsien				
F. W. Davis	1000.—	1 over 7 $95.— 2 under 7 $95.—		1190.—
J. B. Thompson	1000.—	2 under 7 $95.—		1095.—

Total salaries for Shansi Mission Estimates . . . . . $7807.50 gold.

The same in dollars.

SUMMARY.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SUMMARY FOR Shansi MISSION for ~~189~~ 1900

STATIONS.	SALARIES.	GENERAL WORK.		TOTAL.
		A. B. C. F. M.	WOMEN'S BOARDS.	
Taiku	3142.50	1150.00	270.—	1420.—
Fenchowfu	2380.00	1410.00		1410.—
Jen Ts'un	2285.00	420.00		420.—
Totals	7807.50	2980.—	270.—	3250.—
			Grand Total Asked,	11057.50

Rate of Exchange,

Date,

Signed,

Rec'd June 13, 1899

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Name of Station, Town or Village.	When Established.	Population of Field.	MISSIONARIES. Ordained.	Unordained (not Physicians).	Physicians (Men).	Physicians (Women).	Single Women.	Wives.	Total Missionaries.	NATIVE HELPERS. Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Teachers (Men).	Teachers (Women).	Bible Women.	Other Native Helpers.	Total Native Helpers.
Totals,	2-9 out-stations.		4				2	4	10		8	2	1	1	6	18
Paikan	1883		2				2	2	6		6	1		1	3	11
Hsu Chou fu	1886		2	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	2	1	1	0	3	7

TABLE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending Dec. 31st 1899

	CHURCH STATISTICS.									EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.							
														PUPILS.			PUPIL
Total Native Helpers.	Out-Stations. Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 1897.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.	Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Other Schools.	Boys.
18	11	2		117	23	300	200	2	110				2	45	16	2	25
11	8	1		76	17	300	200	1	60			1	1	24	16	2	25
7	3	1	0	41	6			1	50				1	21			

LE OF STATISTICS for the Year ending Dec. 31st 1899

CHURCH STATISTICS.									EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.								
Out-Stations, Places of Regular Meeting.	Organized Churches.	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Communicants.	Added by Confession, 1899.	Adherents.	Average Attendance.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Membership.	Theological Schools.	Students for the Ministry.	Students in Collegiate Training.	Boarding and High Schools.	PUPILS. Boys.	PUPILS. Girls.	Other Schools.	PUP Boys.	
11	2		117	23	300	200	2	110				2	45	16	2	25	
8	1		76	17	300	200	1	60			1	1	24	16	2	25	
3	1	0	41	6			1	50				1	21				

Am. Board Shansi Mission.

TISTICS.					NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.					
PUPILS.										
Boys.	Girls.	Total Number under Instruction.	Schools Entirely Self-Supporting.	United with Church during Year.	CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.	For Church and Congregational Expenses.	For Education.	For Building and Repairs.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	Total Native Contributions.	APPROPRIATED BY BOARD. FOR CHURCHES AND EDUCATION (NATIVE WORK).
25		86		3	8	20.71	170.74	443.14		*634.61	
								Medical & opium fees			
25		65		3	6	12.60	95.60	254.07		362.29	
		21			2	8.11	75.14	189 07		272.32	

Rec'd for Treasury. 43/3.

Name of Missionary, ...

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Country, China

Name of Mission, Shansi

Name of Station,

Organized, 1882

Date of Report, Dec 31st-99

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MEDICAL SUMMARY.

Number of Hospitals,

Number of Beds,

Number of In-Patients,

Number of Dispensaries,

Number of Out-Patients,

*Total Expenses including Assistants,

Receipts in Fees,

PRINTING PRESS.

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Mission Letters,
Requests &c.
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Fen chou fu, China, Apr. 15, 1890.

In view of the fact that F. M. Price, who has had charge of the Treasurer's office since Mr. Stimson's departure, is soon to leave the Mission,

Resolved:

That F. W. Davis be elected to serve in the same capacity in which Mr. F. M. Price was elected to serve, namely to carry on the business of the Office in the name of Rev. M. L. Stimson, our Treasurer, until he shall return, or, in case he does not rejoin the Mission this year, until our next Annual Meeting, and that Rev. F. M. Price be instructed, on his departure for the United States, to turn over to Mr. F. W. Davis, all books, papers, bills &c belonging to the office.

Francis M. Price
J. B. Thompson
C. W. Price
J. Goldsbury
S. H. Clapp.

Fenchou-fu, Apr. 15, '90.
Rec'd July 25.

Foi Ku, China, May 9th 1890

Whereas Dr. Goldsbury has advised that Mr. Price consult Physicians on the way regarding his case.

Resolved:

That we empower him to consult Physicians at such places as he may be able, and in consultation with them to use his own judgment as to whether it would be wise to remain either in some part of China, Japan or Honolulu for another Winter in hope of such recovery as will enable him to resume his work.

C. W. Price
F. W. Davis
H. C. Blair
J. Goldsbury M.D.

Sarah, May 9, '90.

Rec'd July 25.

Whereas; the Rev. M. L. Stimson and wife have forwarded to the Shansi Mission one hundred dollars for the purchase of two (2) Jinrikishas for the use of the ladies of the Mission.

Resolved: 1. That the hearty thanks of the Mission as a whole, and the ladies in particular of the Mission be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stimson for the generous gift; for the love and interest which prompted it; for their efforts in securing the money; and through them to the donors of the funds.

Resolved: 2. That the Secretary send copies to Rev. M. L. Stimson, and Secy Smith of the American Board.

Rev. F. H. Davis
Lydia Lord Davis
Rev. C. H. Price
C. J. Price

Rev. D. H. Clapp.
M. J. Clapp.
Dr. J. Goldsbury
M. G. Goldsbury

Rev. J. B. Thompson.

Taiku, Shansi, China, Aug., 1898.

Aug. 1890
Rec'd Nov. 3. 1890

Rev. M. S. Stimson

To the Brethren of the Shansi Mission:

Dear brethren: –

In view of the fact that Fen Chow Fu has been chosen as one of the permanent stations of the mission and that three families need house accommodations and whereas there is, as yet, no suitable accommodation for the third family it is hereby

moved =

1. That we request the Prudential Committee to grant the mission an appropriation of Six hundred and fifty dollars ($650) for the purchase of ground and the erection of walls, and

2. Two thousand, five hundred ($2500) for the purpose of building a house.

Affirmative | Negative

D. J. Atwood.
J. B. Thompson.
F. H. Davis
C. H. Price.
D. H. Clapp.
J. Goldsbury.

(over)

Aug. 1890

In view also of the fact that we have no chapel at Wan Shui Ching and no dispensary building or hospital court it is hereby

moved =

1. That we request the Prudential Committee a grant of Five hundred dollars ($500) for Chapel and Dispensary

2. and Four hundred ($400) with which to buy land and erect a court of small buildings for a hospital

Affirmative	Negative
S. J. Atwood	
J. B. Thompson	
F. H. Davis	
C. H. Price	
J. Goldsbury.	
H. H. Schofield.	

Recd March 28, 91.

Taiku May 18th 1891

To The Prudential Committee of the
A. B. C. F. M.

Gentlemen:—

About one year ago an appeal on behalf of Taiku Station, was sent to your honorable body, asking for a small appropriation of money for building purposes in Taiku. That appeal received no response, presumably owing to the fact, that it was, by a slight misunderstanding, forwarded without the signatures of the members of the mission tho it was entirely approved by all— It was perhaps just as well because the amount asked for was far too small to meet the needs of our work, & the delay has opened our eyes to the necessity of better accommodations & larger outlay than we then planned for. The house that was bought & fitted up three years ago, tho orginally only for one family & the evangelistic work, has been made to answer for two families, the school domestic & street chapels, & until last Sept. the medical work also. Since that time another house has been rented & occupied by the physician & his work, tho not well

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adapted to either work or residence.
It is felt by all the Mission, that it is necessary for the best success as well as accommodation of the work and workers, that there should be suitable and permanent premises for carrying it forward.
We have felt it a duty and have been glad to put up with no little inconvenience until the growth of our work and the increase of our staff, should demand more room. That time has now come, and there is urgent need of more and better accommodations for the Medical work, school, and at least one family. It will be necessary to rent another house this autumn, for the school and one family, and possibly another next year but all feel, that to do so permanently, and fit it properly for our use, is an extravagant and hence a wrong use of the Lords treasury
Much has been expended, heretofore on rents, which was unavoidable in a district where foreigners had not resided before. But now we have confidence and are able to buy property at a fair figure. It is the opinion of the whole Mission that it is wiser to do so, and then all outlay will be for the benefit of the Mission.

We have decided, therefore to ask you for a grant of money sufficient to cover the following table of estimates:—

1. To buy & enclose with a good brick wall, land in or about Taiku City upon which to build houses for the accommodation of two families, the school & medical work which will cost not less than - - - - $1000.
2. To build a house for the physician & family 2000.
3. To build hospital, court, dispensary & operating rooms, chapel & attendants quarters 1500.
4. To build house for one family & two lady teachers - - - - - - - - 3000
5. To build houses for accommodations for school, including schoolrooms, teachers room - dormatories for pupils & outhouses 1500

$9000.

We would respectfully say that if it is impossible to grant the whole this amount this year that the first two & last of these items are the most important & would be first used; but we earnestly hope that the whole can be granted at least by a year from next autumn & sooner if possible.

Also, if this grant can be given & we informed officially

not later than Jan 1st 1892, it is probable that we can buy both land & material much cheaper than we can a month or two later—

Respectfully Submitted

Tai Fu Station { D. H. Clapp.
J Goldsbury

Tien Chou Fu Station. J. B. Thompson
J. J. Atwood
E. W. Poice
F. W. Davis

and others

Taiku May 18, 1891.

Filed Aug. 26.

SHANSI MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD.

P. O. ADDRESS: TIENTSIN, CHINA.

Shansi, China, Aug. 8h 1892

Resolved : That we ask the Prudential Committee for a special grant of one thousand dollars ($1000) to be used in purchasing and repairing property for mission uses at Jên Ts'un.

J. B. Thompson
D. H. Clapp.
Ja. Goldsbury (per M. G. G.)
C. W. Price.
F. W. Davis
P. J. Atwood

Taiyuen May 18, 1891

Shansi, Aug. 8, 1892.

Rec'd Nov. 21.

To the Prudential Committee of the American Board

Honored Sirs, — We the undersigned would respectfully renew our petition for funds for the necessary enlargement of the medical work at Tai-ku Station of the Shansi Mission.
Viz: To purchase land and enclose with walls $1000. To erect dispensary and hospital buildings $1500. And to build physicians house and out-buildings $3000. Total $5500.

And we earnestly request you to grant our petition as a most important part of our labors is crippled for lack of proper premises in which to carry it on,

Signed,

J. Goldsbury.
D. H. Clapp
C. W. Price
F. W. Davis
J. J. Atwood
J. B. Thompson

Shansi Aug. 8, 1892

Rec'd Nov. 21, 1892.

To the Prudential Committee of the
A. B. C. F. M., Boston, Mass.

Fen Cho fu China.
Jan. 3 - 1893.

Brethren and fathers:-

It is doubtless known to you that we have a station-school for boys here in Fen Cho fu. This school was begun more than a year ago and has been steadily growing in numbers until the present time and will, we believe, become one of the regular and most useful forms of work at this station

The dormitories at present consist of cave houses which may be well enough for "dwellers in tombs" but are hardly suitable for people "dressed and in their right minds" as these boys are coming to be. Besides being inconveniently situated in relation to the private court of the missionary in charge they are damp and unhealthy in every way setting at defiance all laws of hygiene and sanitary principles. Besides this even these quarters are too cramped to accommodate the number of pupils which is gradually in-

creasing. Believing that the school has fairly passed the stage of experiment and should be put at once upon a more favoring basis we most earnestly request that you appropriate of the funds of the Board available for this purpose in addition to the regular appropriations $400. for the purchase of ground and the erection of walls and $500. for the purpose of erecting a building to serve for dormitory and one recitation room.

Signed:

Aff.	Neg.
S. J. Atwood	
F. W. Davis,	
Chas. W. Price.	
J. Goldsbury.	
G. L. Williams.	
E. R. Atwater	
D. H. Clapp	
J. B. Thompson.	

Fenchu-fu, Jan. 3, 1893

Recd March 11

Pai ku, Shansi, China.
April 27th, 1893.

To the Prudential Committee of the American Board,
Dear Brethren and Fathers,

It is doubtless known to you that the Shansi Mission has already once or twice before requested of you to appropriate a sum of money to enable the Pai ku Station to locate itself outside the city. At the Annual Meeting just passed the Mission voted unanimously to repeat the request and appointed a Committee to lay before you the reasons for making such a change, feeling sure that if you understood the circumstances, as they are, you would do all in your power to grant our request.

These reasons are as follows;

1st You have already reported favorably as to a hospital for this Station. You, doubtless, took it for granted that there would be no suitable place for it inside the city walls. This is certainly the case. It would be almost im-

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possible to secure a healthful locality and the expense would be much greater. Whatever Chinese buildings were on the land, would need to be removed and everything built from the foundation, for none suitable for such work are to be had. To remodel them is almost as expensive as to build new and practically very little can be done in that line. It is almost as difficult to reconstruct the houses as the people. Whenever the hospital is built it should be given the necessary room it requires, outside the city in a place dry and conducive to heath.

But the placing of the hospital involves almost necessarially the situation of the other buildings of the Station. The physician cannot be separated from his hospital, one inside the city, one outside. One's property is always in danger of being plundered during the owner's absence. The city gates are shut during the night, preventing any passing in case of special emergencies. There are no easy and rapid transit facilities and the nearer one is to his work the better, especially in hot or stormy weather. There can scarcely be room for question that the physician should

have his home on the same grounds with his hospital work.

But unless the other families of the Station are near the hospital, the evangelistic work, for which alone the hospital is built will necessarially suffer. In the many calls that come to the missionary force in any given place, work of this kind, that should have daily attention, cannot be well done. It would make a very marked difference in the amount done, whether the missionaries were in the same hospital compound or half an hour away. Work in the one case might be steadily carried on day by day, while in the other it might be seriously interrupted.

2nd. We feel convinced that the usefulness of our work would be much increased by locating outside the city. The present mission compound is on the principle business street right in the midst of trade and is altogether too public a place for several kinds of work. Women, especially, are kept away for this reason and many who would come to a less public place

to listen to the foreigner, now avoid the publicity.

And not only so. It has been the experience in several other places in China, not only under the American Board but under others, that <u>villiage</u> work is much more hopeful than <u>city</u> work. Several reasons may be given for this. Take this city of Tai ku as an example. It is a city of wholesale business houses and wealthy families. The men engaged in trade do not reside here with their families. They carry on their work here during a large share of the year and return to their families in other parts of the Country for rest and Change. This is considered one great peculiarity of Chinese business life. Those who enter trade must leave home to avoid the hosts of hangers on who would eat up all their profits. While here such men have little time or inclination to listen to the Gospel. They cannot be persuaded to come to Christian meetings, lest it hurt their business.

The wealthy families, who are very numerous, are almost untirely under the influence of opium. The night is given to pleasure and the day to drowsiness. The number of such ~~families~~ adults

who are slaves to the opium habit is as high as nine out of every ten, if not more than that, even nighty-nine out of every hundred. This barrier, in addition to the pride of riches and of learning is almost impossible to penetrate.

On the other hand, the country population is not so enervated by opium; doubtless because they are too poor to afford it. They are in many ways and for many reasons more easily reached than the rich in the cities.

The villiage work then being the most promising, we shall be much more favorably situated in reference to it, to be outside the city. Many more would come to us; for country people avoid coming into the city with teams, the roads being so narrow & crowded. We also could reach them easier.

3rd. Were the Mission Premises located outside the city, it would add greatly to the <u>Continuity</u> of the work and increase the working time of the year considerably. It is necessary now to spend almost a third of the year away from the Mission Premises. If the buildings were outside the city, it would not be necessary to do so. Being already in a villiage

or outside the walls in more open courts and with more healthful surroundings, it would not be necessary for all to leave each year. Many circumstances arise when it is very much of a burden to be compelled to make such a change each year, as in case of sickness. This reason in itself might almost justify the expense involved.

4th Our present quarters do not admit of any further extension of the work. The school has since the beginning of 1892 outgrown its quarters and as many as twenty have been refused admission since that time for this reason. Not only so. As this school has been selected by the Mission as the place for the High School, several are now ready to come in from the other schools. These can be received only by sending away some, who have been under our care the past year and whom we would be sorry to lose.

There is also no room at present to carry on station classes or opium work or any place for women to come

and be received as they ought.

So the alternative is, either the work must cease to grow and expand as it should, and as it has in the past few years, or more room for its growth must be provided.

This being the case, the same reasons for building the hospital outside the city, apply equally to the school and the rest of the work. It will be cheaper, more healthful and far better arranged to buy and build outside than inside.

5th Heretofore the Mission have lived in unsanitary, unsuitable and inconvenient houses to the great risk of health and detriment of their work. This seemed unavoidable at first. But now we have a much stronger and securer foothold and we believe that the present stage of the work urgently demands that more suitable, commodious and sanitary quarters should be secured as soon as possible.

It is for these reasons that the Mission in Session at Annual Meeting has asked again that you grant us the sum so much needed for this purpose.

We would very respectfully and earnestly ask you to consider whether

the labors, privations and risks hitherto endured to secure this hopeful outlook is not an added reason for granting our request.

Very respectfully submitted,

E. R. Atwater } Committee.
J. J. Atwood

Tacoma, Apr. 27, 1893.
Rec'd July 3, "

Fen Cho fu, May 1st, 1893

To Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.,
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

At the last annual meeting of the Shansi Mission the subject of the enlargement of the work of the mission was quite fully discussed and the unanimous feeling of all present was that to care properly for the work already in hand and opening before us to say nothing, at present, of extending our lines into other places which we hope ultimately to occupy, it is imperatively demanded that within the next year we should have an addition to our working forces of at least two physicians, two missionary families, and three single ladies.

The return of Rev. and Mrs. Elapp to the U. S. in 1894, as contemplated, for much needed rest will leave a large burden of the school work upon the shoulders of Miss. Bird who will need the

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help of at least one young lady as soon as she can reach the field and become familiar with the language. A similar position will, in all probability, be waiting for two young ladies at Fen Cho fu as soon as they could be ready to take it up.

The work at Jen Tsing, if it is to become a permanent station of the mission, calls for an increase of working forces there; and the recent Providential leading to the city of Ching Yuen with a work already opening there with much encouragement also calls loudly for an increase of workers to enable us to go in and occupy that city with its populous villages.

The crippled condition of the work at Tai Kuh since the death of Dr. Goldsbury calls more loudly than words can express for a Christian physician to take up the medical work there. The work of the station, to be most effective and far-reaching should have a hospital; and a grand opportunity stands wide open for the right man to go in and do a great work there.

The mission should have at least two missionary physicians, one on each side of the

plain. It now has no regular missionary physician and we do not believe it is the purpose of the Board to leave the members of the mission without proper medical attendance and the invaluable help which this arm of the service is able to render by way of gaining an earlier access for the Gospel into the homes of the people.

The mission has already voted (two years since) that that a physician be asked for for Fen Cho fu so that Mr. Atwood may be relieved to do evangelistic touring. This is a department of work that calls loudly for some one to follow it up otherwise much of the influence exerted in the hospital will be lost or accrue to the work of other societies.

The work already in hand, therefore, requires that we should have at least the number above stated of additional workers as soon as possible. This is "starvation wages". Were the funds of the Board more abundant we should ask for a larger number to occupy another station either at Chi Hsien or Ping Yao Hsien. If we are to occupy the plain which we have been sent out to work we must have the men and have them soon. The field will not long be left unoccupied by other

societies if we neglect the duty which so plainly lies before us. Can not the men and the means be found within the next year to develope, at least this part of the field which already lies at our very doors?

We most respectfully and earnestly lay this request before you hoping for an early and favorable reply.

For the mission { P. J. Atwood, G. L. Williams } Committee

The Mission

Fen-cho-fu, May 1, 1893

Filed July 13

Instructions to New Comers.

FREIGHT. It has been estimated that from Boston to us freight adds 100% to 140 % to the first cost of such heavy articles as stoves. Nearly 100% to furniture such as organs, beds etc. 25 or 33 1/3% to groceries and still less to cloth and less bulk goods. Freight is paid by bulk - cubic feet - on the ocean, so econemy in packing is essential. From Tientsin in to us it goes by weight exactly. But from Paoting Fu here the size of the boxes is of great importance. 1/2 of a mule load is 120 catties or 160 lbs. It must not exceed that unless it is meant for a litter load which can take 480 lbs. or 500 if in the most favorable shape. From Paoting fu our goods paid 54 cash a catty for mule pack loads and 81 cash a catty for litter loads. I think the litter loads are economical providing the big boxes are well packed and strong. Ours we good new boxes made by Mr.Hicks and we thought them over strong nevertheless they racked and the ~~XXXX XXXX~~ braces gave a good deal and I do not feel sure that such big boxes can be made safe. There is a terrible strain on them. They should have corner wise braces on all sides and the contents should be marvellously well packed. It is no great matter if a box is under weight as they are all weighed and pay accordingly.

PACKING. Stove ovens should not be filled. And the loose pieces of stoves should be thoroughly packed. If Mr.Swett attends to it it will probably be all right. If any other firm attends to it you will be very likely to find more or less damage.

Large pieces of crockery should not be filled full of heavy things such as small crockery. It will not do. Our wash-boilers were packed (by ourselves) full of dishes and then had heavy things resting on the outside. It got badly dented. Should have had cleets on the outside to prevent anything resting against it. One or two tacks got loose in our boxes and did lots of damage to furniture and punched a hole in a tub. Remember that the whole or nearly the whole weight of the entire box is liable to come with a big jar against any one thing in it. And article that will be broken by such pressure should be put in unprotected. Remember too that the box will be turned over a hundred times before it reaches its destination and is just as likely to be on the top or end or side as on the bottom.

(It is a good plan to order all your stoves fitted to six inch pipes then your pipe will be more serficeable and small pipe is not good here.) I must look up freight more. Mr.Thompson thinks the large loads cannot be so economical.

SELECTION. The outfit furnished by the Board belongs to them for five years. If anything happens to take one home in that time the goods are left and sold for the benefit of the mission. Most of the mission do not want to buy expensive outfits and so that kind are rather unsaleable. Select with special reference to a climate which is very dry most of the year and very wet for a few weeks. Things warp and shrink and swell again in a very remarkable manner. The best seasoned wood pays. Chairs and furnitire are made to screw together with good advantage.

FURNITURE. Don't bring beds with ~~high head boards.~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Terrible Freight. A plain good bedroom set is a convenience. Yet the Chinese make cupboards that do very nicely for wash-stands and bureau if one especially wishes to economize. Chinese things, however, are several times as heavy as foreign and harder to move. They use thicker boards for lack of good tools to saw them. but they are not stronger, though they take up more room. Chinese chairs cannot be depended upon for much use. Chinese tables do very nicely for every purpose but that of a dining table (extension). Don't bring upholstery. Too much dust and too many moths. Book cases can be made here much cheaper than to bring. Don't bring a big hat-rack - you won't have any hall to put it in. Two or three little ones for the wall will be useful. Towel racks are easily made here. But wall towel racks if wanted should be brought.

All heating stoves must come from home. Chimneys are small and poor and direct draft$ stoves are essential rather than base burners. They should be capable of using any kind of coal as a few miles change of place will be liable to change the coal market. We use tin heaters and heat our dining room by our cook stove which at present does no cooking. Probably a family without children could get along with one less but perhaps not. A kind of open fire place can be made which serves for part heating of a room, or entirely in moderate weather. Be sure to specify that pipe, pipe hole collars and covers and all furnishings be put in too. Also an extra set of linings. A Chinese kitchen range is simply a brick box with two or three holes on top and a little grate below - no flue. Smoke, gas and dust come out into the room and every dish has to be washed or at least wiped, immediately before use. In winter too, the room is very cold and gassy. A big kettle on top serves for an oven. But the servants get along nicely with it. I don't think I shall ever permit them to use my cook stove. Nevertheless I think I am glad my cook stove is here for use, if I need for any reason to do my own work.

HARDWARE. Nails - assorted sizes of wire nails are especially nice when

are specially nice when chair rounds pull out, etc.etc. - tacks, hinges, screws, wire, etc. As many as a dozen pad locks of different sizes and styles. All Chinese doors are made for pad locks and when we leave for the summer there are good many to fasten. Then the summer home will need several. Two keys to each are very useful. Several small case locks will be handy in fixing up money drawers, etc. Nearly everything ought to be locked. Key-rings - three or four will probably come handy. 2 or 3 sets of brackets for clock shelves etc., will be useful. A pair of barbers shears will be very useful but not essential. Chinese barbers do face shaving and head shaving ofr those who wear a cue but know nothing of hair cutting.

Tools - according to what a man knows how to use. Of course he wants a hammer, a screw driver, nail puller, etc. Chinese carpenters have no adequate substitute for our gimlets and bits and every man ought to bring a good supply of them. 2 or 3 good kitchen knives, potatoe masher, egg beater?, can opener, graters, colender, plain old fashioned dripping pans, (new fashioned roasters are too high for Chinese kettle ovens), griddle, agate iron dippers, etc. Galvanized iron tubs, the strongest made wash-boiler, especially as to the bottom as it has to stand on two bricks when over a Chinese range and the bottom is badly tried. Wash boards, pins, wringer, flatirons. A filter is very useful but some of us get our oil tins made into a kind of funnel into which cotton batting is put and strain the water that way. It all has to be poiled and strained or filtered. A good supply of large glass bottles with as large necks as possible is almost essential for cooking the water and also to carry on journeys. Servants break them fast. Some kind of groceries can be sent in them. A tea kettle is very useful to keep on the sitting room stove for handy hot water. Chinese tea kettles do for servants but are too heavy for a woman to lift. One or two double bilers are indispensable. They diminish the danger of servants burning things so much. A couple of good wood or paper water-pails are handy. Most of the water carrying, however is done in Chinese pails which are made to be carried two at a time at the ends of a pole and have no good handle for other uses, besides being very heavy. A set of agate iron plates, saucers, cups with a pudding dish or two, a vegetable dish or two,one or two pitchers, is very good for summer use on the table and for traveling. Whenever you go ten miles from home you have to cook your own food so that such things come in use very often. They can be gotten in white ware which is very pretty for the table. For the same purposes a bed-room set - wash bowl, pitcher, slop jar and chamber of granite

iron is most economical in the end. Agate kettles for sauce are necessary and a few pans for use yourself but not for the servants.

All table dishes must be brought. All crockery for bed-room use. All cans for fruit, etc.

GROCERIES. Condensed milk. Soda, baking powder, spices, flavorings, raisins, tapioca, cocoa, chocolate, cocoanut, mustard, ginger, hops, for yeast - plenty - cornstarch. Some cereals. Gelatin etc., is very nice when milk is scarce and eggs plenty. Butter - topocan used to be the best but is not so good now. We buy at Tientsin a good deal now. Coffee, soap - plenty and mostly of a cheap grade. Bluing - pure indigo serves best in hard water. Borax is a great help. It can be bought here but is terribly expensive.

Camphor or tarballs for protection from moths are used a great deal. Camphor is expensive here. Starch; Concentrated lye is used a great deal for softening the water. Plain chalk for tooth powder or silver polish. A few small cans of ready meat, such as salmon , for journeys or in case of guests are handy here as at home. Of course a new comer needs canned fruit enough for the first winter as they usually come too late to put up much. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXX

Children have to dress much as at home. But their head gear ought to be native and also outside winter wraps can be pretty well, but are not so pretty. Chinese shoes are very convenient to help out when the proper foreign ones are missing, but are probably not economical.

Men wear out their old pants and vests under their Chinese clothes and wear foreign underwear all the time. Ladies find it harder to adopt Chinese dress ~~and~~ because here women never wear any skirts except on very rare occasions. Miss Bird has only seen one skirt on a Chinese woman in Taiku. They dont have any serviceable skirts, theirs are all very fancy, it is hard to make any thing good that looks right. Miss Bird got from home a piece of black alpaca or brilliantine that does the best of anything I have heard of; of course it was made here. She also uses plain dark blue cashmere for some of her Fall and Spring garments to some advantage.

Bring a piece of bleached white muslin and one of unbleached. Bring plenty of coarse cloth for dish towling - the coarser the better for Chinese cooks. I have sent for fifty yards of four cent muslin for various purposes. Cotton flannel, cilicia, drilling, bedticking etc. can not be gotten here.

Any thing pretty for curtains &c must be brought. The windows are of all shapes and sizes and are apt to be very large. Cretonne and cotton flannel are the best materials unless one wantsa set underneath for darkening and a scrim curtain outside for looks. There are no blinds to obstruct the view. XXXX

A cheap calico is almost

A cheap calico in almost any shade of plain blue ~~we~~ would be very useful for linings of garments and be more economical of time and money than to buy here. One family would soon use fifty yards. Most of the lining cloth we buy here does not wash and so is not serviceable. Mrs. Clapp uses a gray cambric for linings and it is cheaper than to buy here. But if blue can be got it is better. Thread can be bought here but it is more expensive than home thread. Bring a liberal supply of white black and several shades of blue cotton. A small supply of black and blue silk thread. If you want a bit of colored silk thread, you can usually get it here, but you can not be sure of matching a particular shade.

I am going to ask Mrs Goldsbury to pick out some cloth for outside garments for us. It would be cheaper. But one who does not appreciate Chinese taste would be in danger of making mistakes. Tennis flannel and all woolen goods must be brought from home. Plenty of mosquito net. Common square meshes will do but look out for a little finer than the general run. We used it over all our beds and over all the windows. Mrs Clapp has not used over beds but children certainly must need it. XXXXX Some of our English friends have some folding cot beds that shut up and go into a bag less than a yard long and half of a yard wide - I dont know exact dimensions but guess. They are most useful for journeys as they are much easier to carry than mattresses and make a much more comfortable bed beside than being more protected from vermin in the inns. They come into service so many times that I would advise a family to bring one for each member. Every time one goes twenty or thirty miles from home he has to take his cooking and eating and sleeping things with him.

One thing omitted about the packing. A waterproof box is much safer. Mr. Swett uses a kind of oiled paper that is very good. Tar paper is not good i. e. it is hard to handle and unless things are protected it injures them. Our varnished surfaces coming against tar paper were permanently injured and cloth is stained.

If agate dishes and travelling cots, they should be in a box together and marked on the outside " Hold in Tientsin" so they will be sure to be held in Tientsin ready for the inland journey. Also some bedding &c. The goods should be sent by march shipment and might be started in before their owners get there.

x are brought

What we can buy to advantage.

First. Eatables. Excellent mutton and mutton-tail- fat that serves all the purposes of lard and suet Sometime splendid beef. Pork but we mostly don't use it. Good chickens. Occasionally fish but not remarkably good. Game rarely, cheap but most of us dont care for it. Eggs very cheap. Good cabbage for a long season.

Onions, radishes - season short. String beans, pretty g good but short season. A kind of greens that make a little variety. Very small but long cucumbers that are good, last all Summer. Egg plant adds to variety. Pr Pretty good potatoes. Usually they can be kept the whole year. Sweet potatoes are good and last all winter. Most of our mission manage to raise tomato s for thems selves. Pie plant too could be raised and would be a splendid addition. We can buy whole wheat and use it a little for breakfast cereal. Millet is quite good for another. Rice is commonly used like potatoes. We hear of good oatmeal here but have not got any ourselves; have not tried much. Corn meal is pretty good. Our white flour is not so much refined but does very well, also the graham. XXX Apricots come in June and last a month or more. A passable substitute for peaches of which we get vey few and not any real good. Apples come next but are not very good. A little tattaric acid helps them when they are cooked. Plums we are enjoying this week but they will not last long. Grapes and pears begin early and last all winter. The latter are watery and tasteless but after you get over expecting too much most folks learn to like them. Persimmons last quite a long time. Watermelons seem quite like home. Musk-melons are not quite so good. Most of these fruits can't be bought very well out here, but are cheap in the city. ZXXXwXXX Tea in small quantities may be bought here; for large quantities I believe it is ordered in H Hong Kong. Rope is plenty and cheap. Small twine is neither good nor cheap. Candles buy in Tientsin. M Matches we buy here or in Tientsin. Window glass buy here. Cotton betting is cheap and good. Sugar and coal oil buy in Tientsin. Vinegar buy there, but depend mostly on what we make with sugar and water. Salt we buy hereth. XXXXXXXX

Cloth. In emergency we can buy all the cloth that is necessary, but for a dependence home cloyh is cheaper and more durable, silk excepted. We can buy some pretty one colored silks and pongee silks at a more reasonable rate than in the U.S. But they are not cheap enough to use very commonly nevertheless. Chinese cloth is all of one color but sometimes figured.

Shoes. All the men of this province wear full Chinese clothes including shoes. Foreign shoes and Chinese garments are not a good combination. Some of the ladies wear the Chinese shoes but it does not make so much difference with them. They can't wear what the rest of the women do any way. I advise every lady to bring a few shoes and decide for herself after she gets here. For Chinese shoes men and women both want pure white stockings. To a Chinaman any variation from that is considered dirty. In winter one needs two pairs of stockings or at least very warm ones for the Chinese

shoes are all low. A lady using foreign shoes will need a pair of rubber over shoes occasionally but not often. Arctics or cloth over shoes are very essential in winter. Also a pa r of shoes large enough to put in-soles into. Our stone courts are very cold.

Hats. Men get all they can use in head wear here. including a storm hood that is very comfortable for winter travel. Ladies get all their summer head gear here. In moderate weather a plain balck or brown turban as plain and inconspicuous as possible is serviceable. For real cold weather a Chinese storm hood or a fur cap made here is best. We can't wear foreign hats, they are so conspicuous.

For Chinese use (servants) Chinese kitchen utensils are almost sufficient. Chinese iron kettles are heavy and rough but do the work. Crocks of all sizes are also bulky but cheap. Bowls are plenty and cheap and can be bought pretty enough for table use. Steamers of the native kind will serve when Chinese use them.

Matting, such as we get here is really better than carpets on account of the dust and the careless habits of the people who don't know how to beha ve on carpets. But for small children carpets are almost a necessity. Our matting is not like the Chinese and Japanese in the home market but is made of coarser reeds and is stiff and unmanageable.

Hangchow, 13. 1883.

Rec'd from Mrs Alexander

April 13, 1893.

Shoes are all low. A lady using foreign shoes will need a pair of Tipper over shoes occasionally but not often. A pair of Arctics or Gloria over shoes are very essential in winter. Also a pair of shoes large enough to put in-soles into. Our stone courts are very cold.

Hats. Men wear all they can use in hard west here. Including a stout hood that is very comfortable for Ladies wear all that small summer hard wear. Linen or straw hats are almost a necessity. Cotton percale is cheap and good. Sweat and Not cheap. Gaiters are in transit. Alpaca Kiss are in use in hot weather. Gaiters are in transit. Alpaca Kiss are in use in hot weather. XXXXXXXX

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Yen Tsun, Shansi China, June 20, 1895.

To the Prudential Committee of the
A. B. C. F. M.
Boston Mass. U. S. A.
Reverend Brethren & Fathers:

In accordance with a Vote of the Shansi Mission of the A. B. C. F. M. in China at its last Annual Meeting held last April, we were appointed a Committee to petition your honorable body for a grant to move the members of the Taiku Station out of Taiku city to some contiguous village. There are several weighty and pressing reasons why this should be done as soon as possible. Allow us to state these reasons in the order of their relative importance.

1 Lives & health of the foreign missionaries. The sanitary conditions of Taiku city are malodorous and unhealthy. The streets are unpaved, there is no attempt

at sewerage or drainage, 3 bodies of water without visible inlet or outlet of some acres in extent in the corners of the city, the streets so narrow & shaded by the buildings and low from long wear, (there is a law against raising the level of the streets), the mire & water is feet deep in the streets in the low spots for weeks after a heavy rain. Although the annual rainfal is small the days are few throughout the year when the streets are dry. Probably, though no one know accurately, there are 20000 people living within the walls of Taiku which enclose an area of less than one square mile. Here our beloved physician Dr. James Goldsbury laid down his young and promising life a victim to the dread typhus; here, many have suffered & recovered, and here we may reasonably expect others to lay down their lives for lack of sanitation unless the members are enabled to leave the unhealthy city.

Why are villages more healthy than cities? Because population is sparser, their streets are wider, there is less traffic so that the streets are cleaner, the grades are heavier, and many villages are located on high or sloping ground ensuring better drainage, in turn ensuring drier floors.

II It has been found indispensable even for those of strongest constitution to move out of the city and live in a village for periods hanging from 2 to 4 months. Such moving in this country, without railroads, hotels or furnished houses, involves time labor & expense, which can be wholly avoided if the Taiku Station is located outside the city in a village.

III Expense. Land, rent, labor & materials are all higher in price in Taiku than in the villages almost without exception

Trusting that returning prosperity will enable you to grant our united request for better accommodations for the work of the Taiku Station. For the Mission
F. W. Davis, J. B. Thompson, Committee

Transcription for Rec'd Sept. 11.

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MINUTE IN REFERENCE TO SALARIES.

In 1886 the salaries of the members of this mission were reduced by a unanimous and cordial vote from One Thousand Dollars ($1000) to Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars ($950.00), as it had been found that a family could live comfortably on the latter sum. Our experience since then has shown that Nine Hundred & Fifty Dollars ($950.00) per year is not more than sufficient, especially when there are children in the home. In view, however, of the stringency which now exists in the circumstances of the Am. Board, and of the failure of the home churches to reliev it from its financial embarrassment, and also because we are anxious that the Lord's work which the Am. Board is doing should not be crippled, we therefore cheerfully vote a further reduction of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) for 1896.

(Signed)

F. W. Davis.
J. B. Thompson.
E. R. Atwater
W. L. Hall.
G. L. Williams.
C. W. Price
D. J. Atwood.
Rowena Bird
Louise Partridge

To Secretary
Mission Board
for 1896.
Rec'd Aug. 7, 1896.

Hon. Chas. Denby,
U. S. Minister,
Pekin, China,

Dear Sir,

In view of the recent demonstrations of duplicity and treachery on the part of Chinese officials high in authority in connection with the recent outrages in Szu Chuan and Ku Cheng which seems to be part of a general scheme to drive missionaries out of China and destroy and frustrate their work, we the undersigned missionaries of the Am. Board in the Province of Shansi wish to state it as our opinion that unless some unusual and decisive action is immediately taken by the Govt to which we belong in concert with other Govts to bring the true miscreants to justice and secure to us that respect to life and property to which we are entitled as citizens of a civilized country and which is essential to the successful prosecution of our work, the lives and property of missionaries residing in the interior of China will be seriously endangered and their work will be largely frustrated if not entirely destroyed.

We would furthermore respectfully enquire whether any such action is contemplated on the part of our Gov't to give us such protection and what is the prospect

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of it being soon put into execution or whether, failing of this, through the inability of the home Govt to understand the gravity of the situation, it would be better for us with our families to seek protection at the coast in the treaty ports.

As yet there have been no evidences here of open hostility on the part of the people except the usual hurling of the epithet "foreign devil" that we have always endured; but the common people around us are evidently filled with false stories about the discomfiture of the Japanese and other foreign powers, our own country and England being mentioned, among others. These stories are circulated industriously and seem to be believed by the people. They may not lead to any serious disturbances; but recent events in the South have made us somewhat solicitous. For these reasons we look to you for advice.

Signed

F J. Atwood
C H Price
E R Alvater
J W Davis
G L Williams.

Recd Nov. 11. 1895.

Taiku, Shansi.

April 30. 1896.

To the Prudential Committee of the A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Brethren:-

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission held at Fenchou Fu april 12-16 the following Resolution was unanimously voted, "That we renew the request for a grant of $11.000 for the removal of Taiku station outside the city of Taiku." The following is an appeal prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose by the chairman of the Annual Meeting enforcing the urgency of the above Resolution.

In making this appeal we are aware that the same request has been repeatedly asked for and as often refused because of the sad financial condition of the Board. We also know that its present condition is not more encouraging, and yet we are inspired with hope that still another appeal may be granted because of the increasing urgency of the need.

Why do we need the appropriation?

I. The present premises occupied by the Station are far too small for the growing work.

(a) Opium Refuge work.

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the present court for this work is the entrance to the Chapel which forbids the necessary confinement of the patients - Even in this unsuitable place not more than ~~10~~ 15 men can possibly be treated at once. this most promising part of our work must have better quarters if we in any large degree reap the benefits of it.

(b) The Boys Boarding School -

On the average the boys kangs (beds) are 12 ft long. On each kang sleep 7 boys. Even with this crowding boys are refused admittance every year for want of room. The School court is paved and only 55 ft long by 18 ft wide. the pale faces of the 37 boys who fail to get exercise, in themselves make an eloquent appeal for more room. Outside the city, school gardens would give work for the boys and lessen the running expenses. The school is fast developing into a High school. The present quarters forbid proper growth.

(c) Woman's Work.

There is absolutely no room for woman's work. Many women in the villages are entreating to be broken off from the opium habit but we have no court in which they may be treated. this work is waiting to be done and the

workers are ready to do it but there is no place for it.

II. The present separation of the work demands it.

Now, Dr Hall with his medical work, is situated at Liman, eight miles from Taihu. It may be easily seen that the inconvenience and loss of time in carrying on the Evangelistic work in connection with the Medical Clinics are very great.

The desirability of working together in suitable buildings is evident. It has been suggested that the whole station remove to Liman and live in hired houses at a cost less than would be needed for building new houses near Taihu. In a letter to Secretary Smith by Mr Williams under date of August 1st 1895 the unfeasibility of such a step was fully explained.

III. The crowded and unsanitary conditions of the Missionary Homes call loudly for it.

Two families and two single ladies live in houses but little larger than is sufficient for the proper living of one family. In one family are two little ones whose only playground is a small paved Court surrounded by walls so high that the sunshine is entirely shut out during the winter months. This family has but one bedroom 9 by 14 ft. as the children are growing

the present condition of things cannot continue.
The station compound is 225 ft long by 108 wide and accommodates 90 people and 7 animals
Not only are we cramped within but the unspeakable filth of a Chinese native city crowds our premises on every side making it impossible for our wives and little ones and those whose work confines them close at home to get pure air.

The above are some of the reasons for a change of ~~locality~~ location which have already before been presented to and recognized by the Prudential Committee. We quote from a letter of Secretary Smith to our Mission Treasurer.

"The Committee has taken action already during the past year, authorizing the Station to give up their rented property in the city and secure satisfactory rents, at essentially the same price outside the city, and to sell the property that is owned in the city and with the proceeds purchase upon as favorable terms as possible property outside." According to the above directions we have been diligent in searching for suitable rents outside the city in localities favorable to our work and have ~~been~~ found none at all suitable which met the requirements.

The property owned in the city cannot be sold to advantage. The difficulties of the

situation were admirably written in a recent letter by our Mission Treasurer to Secretary Smith to ~~we~~ which we refer you. The city property was bought at a high price in the early days when money was the only entering wedge a Foreigner could use - The property cannot be sold now for more than a few hundred Taels. Furthermore we do not wish to sell it. There is, on the place, a suitable room for a chapel, a book room, and rooms for Opium Refuge work, all of which work can be carried on by Missionaries living outside the city.

It is impossible for you to conceive how difficult it is for us to find native houses in the villages suitable for remodelling, and the undertaking means the spending of much money, time, and strength with poor results at the best. Those living in remodelled chinese houses are never satisfied and find it necessary to make continual repairs from year to year, while Dr. Atwoods house at Fienchowfu built properly from the foundation has needed no repairs for years.

Land can be bought well located at moderate price within two miles of the city where buildings can be erected for the School, Medical, and

headquarters of the Evangelistic work and the homes of the Missionaries. We therefore urge the speedy appropriation of $11.000 for this purpose.

If the churches do not come to our aid we have no other alternative than to worry along doing half work at peril of health and life. If the condition of the treasury compells a negative answer cannot this appeal be personally presented to some friend of the cause who may be moved to help us?

The need is urgent.

Respectfully submitted for the Mission.

Committee. { E. R. Atwater
G. L. Williams.

To the Executive Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,

Boston, Mass.,

Dear Brethren,

At the recent Annual Meeting in Syracuse, the undersigned were requested to constitute a committee to draft and present to your honorable body an urgent appeal for a fund of money to enable Pastor Hahn to prosecute his journey to the capital of his native country.

In pursuance of the recommendation contained in the adopted report, an estimate was made of the cost of the work

Boston Feb 25 1858

Comm. of Finance
Packer, Apr. 30, 1896.
Rec'd June 27.

To the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,
Boston, Mass.,

Fathers & Brethren,

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission, the undersigned were appointed a committee to draft and present to your honorable body an urgent appeal for a grant of money to enable Taiku station to provide suitable premises for the conduct of its work. This was done in response to a communication from you urging us to take steps immediately to secure more healthful quarters for the missionaries residing in Taiku. We were asked to make an estimate of the cost of such premises on an economical basis & forward it to Boston at once "with the hope", as your committee expressed it, "that by the time such desired information was in hand, the condition of the treasury would be such as to warrant the granting of at least a part of the outlay necessary for the proper housing of our missionaries."

In pursuance of the recommendation contained in the above quoted report, an estimate was made of the cost of land

and buildings and a resolution was passed at the Annual Meeting asking for a grant of $18000.00 for this purpose. It was stated in the Resolution that at least $7000.00 is needed at once, with which to buy property, wall it in & provide a home for one family & the school. This much is now an imperative necessity if the Station is to continue its work which is pressing on every side.

Perhaps enough has been said in former appeals & letters, of the unsanitary conditions of our present quarters. In our judgment the chief menace to health now lies in the fact of overcrowding & the impracticability of a family with children getting out for recreation and fresh air.

It has been asked, why not secure other Chinese houses & repair them for our present needs. Indeed we have been urged by Dr. Smith to do so. To this we offer the following objections which we believe to be decisive.

1. In order to better our condition at all, a considerable outlay of money would be necessary to rent and almost rebuild these old houses which have stood scores of years

on absolutely undrained & undrainable plats of ground & whose walls are thoroughly saturated with dampness & malaria for at least 8 or 10 feet above the foundation.

2. We have heretofore rented & repaired at least 5 different houses in this city (including this one now occupied) at an expense of several hundred dollars each, aggregating at least $10000.00 during the fifteen years of our residence here and every one of them has been condemned by the mission as unfit for a foreign family to live in. Every member of the mission is definitely and forever opposed to any more such extravagance. We therefore object to renting more houses but prefer to patiently live on as we are, until the Committee can grant us a sum sufficient to buy land outside & build such houses as will be healthful & conveniently located.

3. Our work has grown up around us here after many years of very hard & discouraging labor & is now fast spreading out into the villages about us & we do not want to leave it & go to some place where we shall have to work at arm's length

& thus lose much of what we have gained. We have repeatedly tried to get houses in the villages near the city which would be tolerably well located with reference to the work but we have never been able to secure those that would be any better than those we now occupy.

4. Almost the entire mission feel that the proper place for the Tai Ku station is somewhere within easy reach of this city. It is in the center of population with good market, banking & transportation privileges - conditions that are exceedingly desirable for the planting of a permanent station.

5. For several years the station has been trying to secure land about one mile South East of the city which all agree would be a most desirable site for the permanent location of our work. Just now there is a fair prospect of securing what we want. Indeed we are already negotiating for it & probably before this appeal reaches you we shall have purchased and walled in at least a part of it. Thus the opportunity for which we have waited & prayed for years is at hand.

We are well aware that one member of the mission is very anxious to have the station

located at the village of Li Man, eight miles from the city. But we consider this an undesirable place for the following reasons:

(1) It is away to one side of the center of travel & population.

(2) The place has no market, banking or transportation facilities.

(3) The town is fast going to ruin & at the present rate of decay probably in 30 years there will not be 30 families left and the mission premises will be stranded in a place where the mission will be sorry to have it permanent.

(4) There is no work started there which cannot be just as well done at or near Taiku.

(5) It is considered by a majority of the mission that Taiku & Jen B'un are too near together for the best good of the work. But to move the Taiku station to Li Man is to bring them still nearer together and seems to be great unwisdom.

The sole argument in favor of Li

Man is that it is a pleasant place in which to live. But it is to be noted that those who have lived there most, have suffered from sickness fully as much as we have here in Pai ku.

We have spoken thus particularly for the case seems to us an urgent one if the mission is to continue its work in this part of the plain.

Respectfully submitted

D. N. Clapp. } Committee.
E. R. Atwater }

for Paiton Station

filed July 26, 1897.

Taiku Station,
Shansi Mission.
June 30th 1897.

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Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

In response to your letter of 24th April we, the members of Taiku Station would respectfully report as follows, viz;

I. The objections to Liman as the permanent location for Taiku station were fully set forth in the appeal presented by the committee appointed for that purpose at last annual Meeting.

II. It is our wish to secure permanency both as regards our homes and the work.

III. It is the opinion of the members of the station that the condition of the work demands a permanent location.

IV. We respectfully ask the Prudential Committee to make grant as follows without delay,

(a) $1000 for purchase of land and wall for same.

(b) $3500 for house for one missionary.

Respectfully submitted.

D. H. Clapp.
G. L. Williams.
W. L. Hall.

Addenda.

It is to be understood that this request is for a portion of the building fund applied for in appeal from the Mission at the last annual Meeting and is not an extra or additional appeal.

We request an answer call if request is granted.

D. N. Clapp.
G. L. Williams,
W. L. Hall.

Messrs. Clapp, Williams, Hall

Taihu, June 30. 1897

Recd Aug. 16.

At a called meeting of Taiku and Jap-
four Stations of the Shansi Mission, held at
Pitman on Monday, March 7th 1898, it was

Resolved, That we extend a most cordial
welcome to Rev. Judson Smith, D.D. and Messrs.
Hopkins and Shapleigh, members of the
American Board Deputation to China,
and we hereby express our sincere desire
to have them all visit us here in the
Shansi Mission;

That it is our opinion the inland
journey can be made with more com-
fort in the month of April than in
June and would respectfully urge them
to come to us here immediately on
arrival at Tientsin. If this arrange-
ment is found impossible, we would
advise leaving Tung chow, without delay,
after the annual meeting of the North
China Mission;

While we recognize the fact that the
month of June may be uncomfortable
for travel we do not by any means
think it impossible to do so. The inland
journey has been made a number of
times in June;

That some member of the Mission
will meet the Deputation at Pao ting fu,
and some other member will be ready
to conduct them to Pao ting fu on
their return;

If it be decided that the inland

journey be made in April we ask that a telegram to that effect be sent to

Rev. G. L. Williams,
Care Dr. E. H. Edwards,
Tai Yuen Fu;

That we urgently request that the proposed visit be made, even though it be found best for the deputation to remain in China for a longer period than at first proposed;

In our opinion the interests of the mission call for such a visit as that proposed by the deputation.

D. H. Clapp.
J. B. Thompson.
G. L. Williams
W. L. Hall.

Received at Fenchowfu March 10th 1898 and heartily seconded by the undersigned members of Fenchowfu station,

S. J. Atwood
C. W. Price
E. R. Atwater

Shawnee Mission

March 10 - 1898

Filed July 30

We, the undersigned members of the Shansi mission, in view of the unsanitary condition of Rev. C. W. Price's house, favor his immediately proceeding to rebuild the necessary rooms, in accordance with the vote of the mission requesting the Prudential Committee to make a grant of $300.00 for this purpose.

Signed —

E. R. Atwater
J. J. Atwood
J. B. Thompson
G. L. Williams
C. W. Price
D. H. Clapp
W. L. Hale.

Fenchowfu, Shansi,
April 1898

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Shansi, Feby. 11th 1899.

Whereas, By the illness and consequent removal of Dr. Hall from the Mission, Taiku Station is left without a physician, and

Whereas, Both the work and the workers have urgent need of medical assistance, be it

Resolved, That we, the undersigned, do earnestly request the Prudential Committee to send us another physician, and moreover,

Whereas, The early departure from Fen-cho-fu of Dr. Atwood on furlough will leave the Mission entirely without medical aid, we do beseech that a special effort be made to send a physician this coming fall.

D. W. Clapp.
W. J. Clapp.
Rowena Bird
Louise Partridge
Alice M. Williams
G. L. Williams
J. B. Thompson
Delta H. Thompson

C. W. Price
D. J. Atwood
Annette W. Atwood
E. R. Atwater
L. G. Atwater.

Filed Feb. 30 1899

Shanei, Feb. 11, 1899

Rec'd April 24

Resolutions adopted at Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission held at Taiku, Apr. 9-13 1899.

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Resolved that the sum of $1000.00 be asked of the Prudential Com. for opening a new station for the accommodation of Mr. & Mrs. Davis & Mr. & Mrs. Thompson.

Shansi, Apr. 11, 1899

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G. L. Wil-
& family

Resolved that the Prudential Com. be requested to allow the return of Rev. G. L. Williams & family on furlough in the Spring of 1900 or if necessary in the fall of 1899.

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Resolved that the sum of $250.00 be asked of the Prudential Committee to repair the two summer places at Yü tao hê.

Petition Opp.
Filed Aug. 2
No. 8-13, 1899

Tai Ku, Shansi,
Apr. 22, 1899.

Prudential Committee of the A.B.C.F.M.

Respected Sirs,

We most prayerfully place the following plea before you, with the hope that you may be able to grant it this year.

Our Annual meeting is just over. During that meeting Tai Ku sustained a serious loss, one which seriously effects our work.

Miss Partridge asked that she be allowed to go with Thompsons and Davises when they locate permanently, which request the mission granted. This is to be as soon as the Davises return and all such repairs as are necessary for the opening of a new station are made.

This removal leaves us without a woman to follow up our work among the women. A work which consists of touring, regular weekly teaching, Sabbath services and the care and responsibility of station classes. Miss Partridge does regular touring to villages forty, fifty, sixty, and seventy "li" distant. She also visits the home of an earnest helper in the hills, who

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holds opium classes in his home. These women are earnest and want to be taught. She goes weekly (when not off on her tours) to Tun Fang where she has a class of women under instruction, also on Sabbath, holding services with them. Many other villages near at home are visited by her with regularity.

Miss Bird can not follow them up as her hands are more than full with the boy's school and two villages which she visits regularly. Mrs. Clapp has charge of the opium classes for women and does some teaching in the city and outside of the south gate.

We have an opening here in the South Suburb of Tai Ku which can not be lost. Hundreds of women have called and still come daily. Many of the first callers have returned bringing others with them. The most of them good, earnest village women not under the influence of opium. Their doors are open to us. Many of them have expressed a desire to hear more of the "Jesus Doctrine".

How can this be done unless we have a young lady to devote her full time to this work? Yes two of them for one person would

be overpowered by such a work.

When the Thompsons leave Jen Pum our girls school will have to be given up. Girls from our christians homes. What is to be done with them? Are they to go back to their homes to run the streets in idleness and hear immoral language? These girls are all with unbound feet. Must we take a step backward that will undo the work of months and years of earnest labor?

There are a great many girls about us here in the South Suburb. Some of them have expressed a desire to be taught. A day school could be opened here at once if we had a young lady to look after it.

We most earnestly pray that you send us a young lady at once. Can it not be possible for her to come out with the Davises this fall. A delay will mean a serious loss to this work which is to be left so soon without a leader.

We shall pray that the Lord may prepare the way so that a young lady may be ready to come when our appeal reaches you.

We all feel crushed with the burden of the

work and pray that you may decide wisely for us.

Respectfully submitted for the Mission.

Committee { Mr. Alice Williams
Elizabeth. G. Atwater.

E. Atwater
Taichu, April 22, 1899
Recd June 13

Maps

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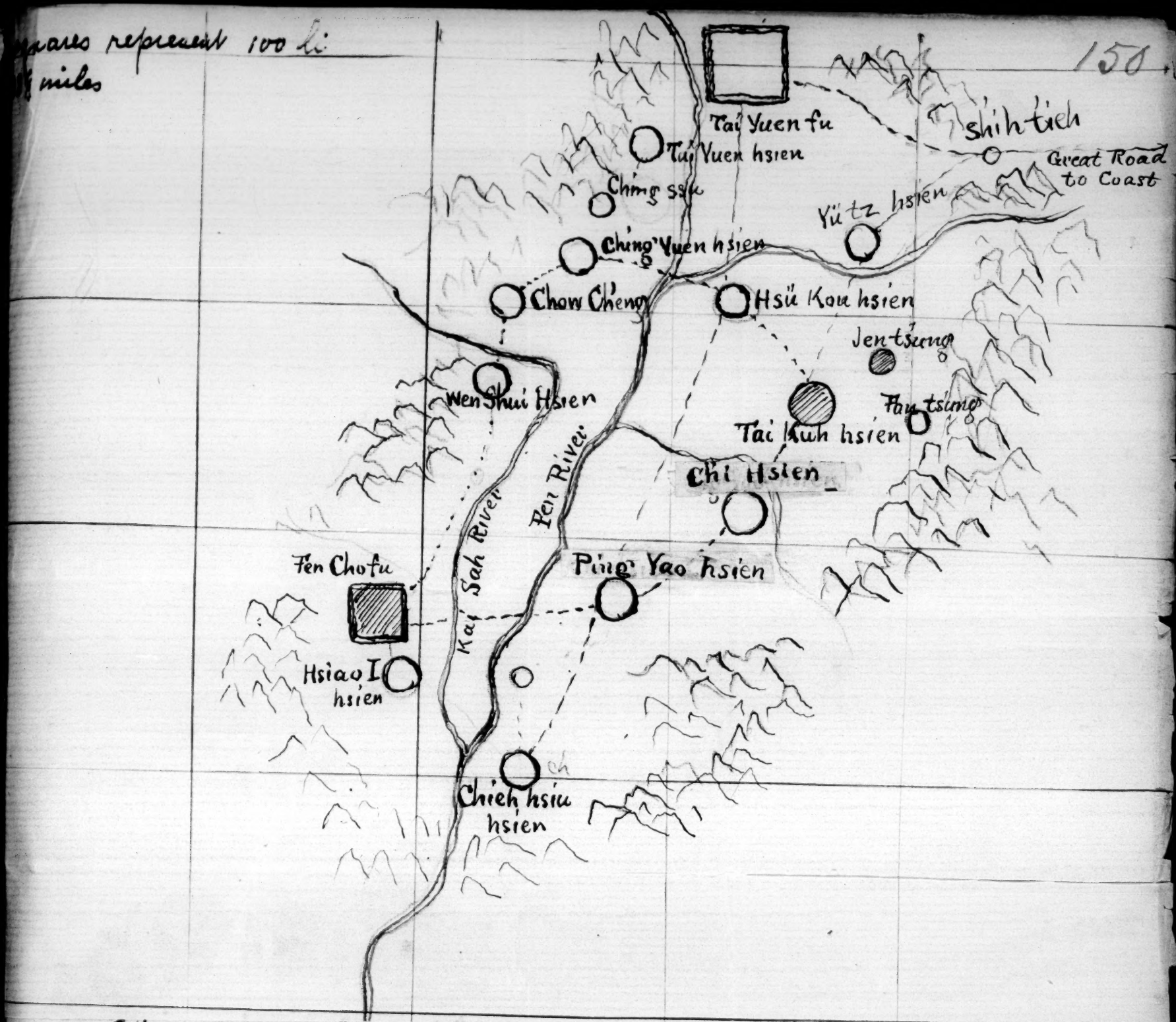
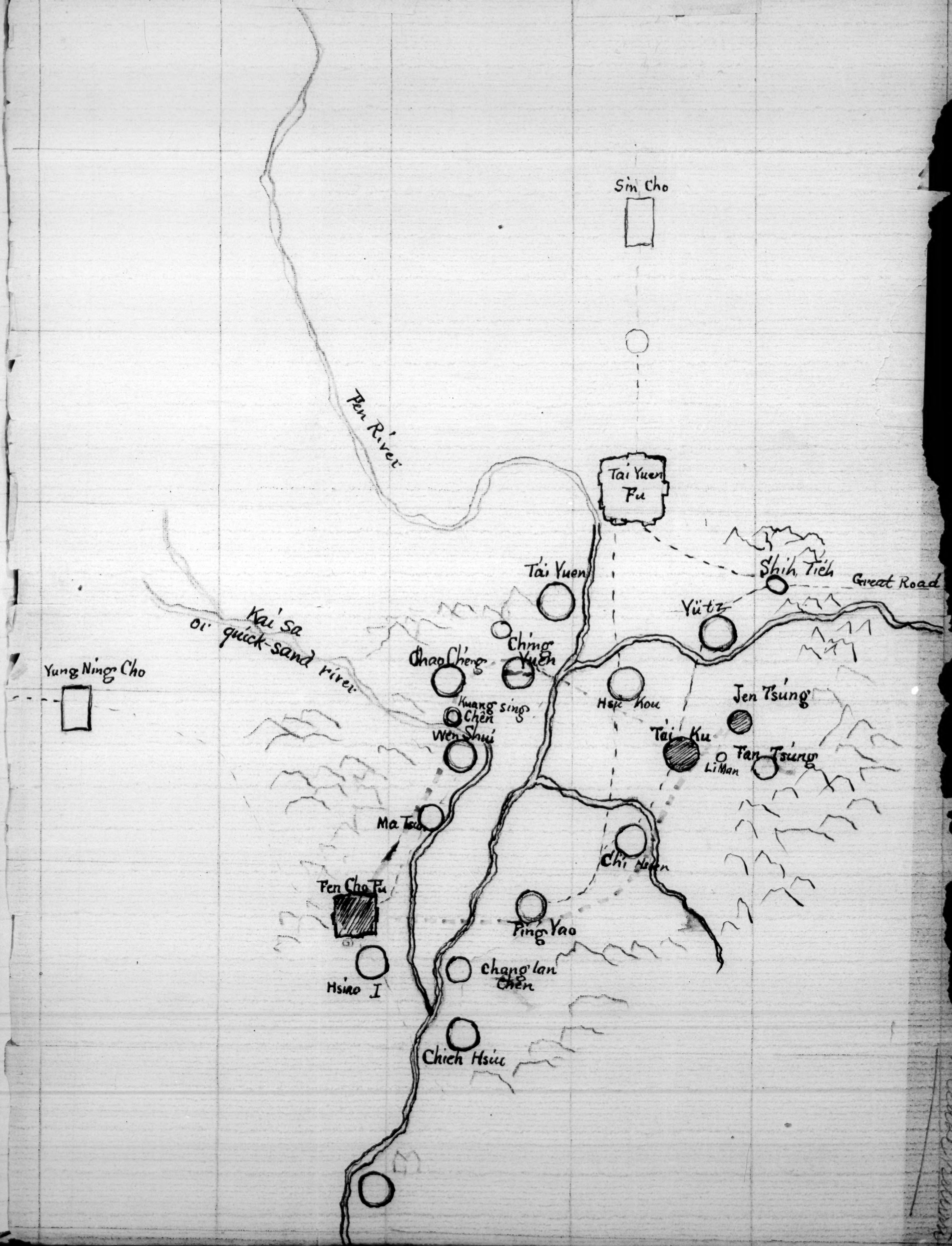


You will be able to see from the accompanying map the relation of the principal cities of the plain. It has seemed to me for some time that our mission should occupy stations at Ching Yüen and Ping Yao at least and could also profitably open work at Chi Hsien and perhaps Wen Shui. Then we should have a circle of stations within a day's ride of one another and so in easy supporting distance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Li Man
Ma Tao
Chi Nan
Fen Cho Fu
Ping Yao
Hsiao I
Chang lan Chen
Chieh Hsiu

Manuscript relating to
The Shansi Mission.

By Dr. J. J. Atwood.

Rec'd Apr. 20, 1893.

Ernest R. Atwater

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Oberlin, Ohio.
June 8th - 91.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.; Boston, Mass.

My Dear Sir,

We have received our official notification of our appointment as missionary and assistant missionary under the A.B.C.F.M. and our designation to Shansi and we greatly rejoice in it. It is the work to which we have looked forward for several years and I do assure you that our whole heart is in it. There are no regrets or any looking-backward to something else over which our heart is divided but rather an intense desire to be settled upon the field and to have a part in the most glorious work to which man can be called.

Your letter of June 2nd welcoming us to the service of Christ under your Board and to the fellowship of the Shansi Mission we also

heartily acknowledge.

We expect to be ready to begin our journey within a year from this time after the Commencement exercises of '92 in the Theo. Department.

We have been reading everything from Shansi that has come within our reach. Mr. Williams has given us what letters he has received from various members of the mission and Miss Hewitt has written to my wife personally more than once. It is our desire to make as perfect preparations as possible for the journey and for living comfortably when we reach there.

We thank you for the addresses of Messers Stimson and Price and shall be glad to communicate with them and shall be very glad to receive any further suggestions or advice from you. As the time for going approaches we shall probably have several questions to refer to you.

Yours very sincerely,
E. R. Atwater.

Mrs. E. R. Atwater
Field Journal
1891

Mansfield, Ohio.
Aug 17th - 91.

Rev. Judson Smith,
Sec. of the Am. Board,

My Dear Sir,

I am happy to inform you that my work for next year will be lightened of my teaching. By economy and some help in various ways all our Expenses can be met. This will afford time for more study as well as much rest and I am truly thankful.

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I would be glad to know at what time our freight should go and whether by Boston or San Fransisco.

Also about the purchase of our outfit. Shall we purchase our stoves in Ohio or are we to come to Boston at some time before we leave and buy them there? We were planning to buy a cook stove here and use it this winter unless it was best to wait. Do the missionaries purchase their outfits in Boston generally?

This summer has been pleasantly and profitably spent in supplying Mr Edmonds' pulpit in the Mayflower Memorial Church of this place.

Very truly yours,

E. R. Atwater.

E. P. Atwater

Mansfield, Aug. 17, '91.

Filed Aug. 25.

Oberlin, Ohio.
Jan 11-92.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.,

Dear Prof. Smith,

Your favor of Jan 7th, inclosing a check for $200.00 to apply on outfit-account, received. Inclosed please find a receipt for the same. We thank you very kindly.

You will be pleased to know of the safe arrival of our second daughter — Mary Sanders Atwater — on the 7th of the month. Both mother & baby are doing very well.

Very truly yours,
E. R. Atwater.

E. R. Atwater.

Oberlin, Jan. 11. 1892.

Rec'd Jan. 13.

Paoting fu, China.
Sept 26th - 92.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sect. of A.B.C.F.M.,
Dear Sir,

We left Oberlin July 27th and arrived in Paoting fu Sept. 17th. The entire journey thus far has been far more comfortable than we had anticipated and we are planning to start on the last stage of the course in a day or two. Our children have enjoyed fully as good health as we and have really thrived on rail & steam boat travel. Both my wife & myself have gained 10 pounds in weight since the journey began.

As you might suppose, my ideas of the work, the people, the language and the general situation has undergone quite a change since my ar-

rival. But no change has come over my desire to do work and my faith in the ability of God to regenerate this hopeless people. Hopeless, helpless, proud and wretched, that is China as I see it. As one said to me, ~~they~~ it is pride and prejudice run to seed.

The work in this place is encouraging to my mind, very encouraging. The additions to the workers expected here are needed very much, simply to gather up & conserve the harvest of souls already touched & waiting.

I have enjoyed very much my first aquisitions of Chinese vocabulary and am not at all dismayed by the task before me.

Our goods have come very safely so far & most of them are well on their way ahead of us.

Believing in the constant leading of the Master, I am,

Yours very truly,

E. R. Atwater.

Posting - for Sept. 26, '92.
Rec'd Nov. 8.

Nov. 12th - 92.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of the A. B.C. F. M.,
Dear Sir,

This is my first note to you since my arrival on the field. We reached here safely Thursday, Oct 13th, and have been prospered in arranging our home during the past month. We are now quite comfortable altho many last things remain to be done. The house we occupy is quite convenient, roomy and comfortable and we are quite surprised at our pleasant surroundings in such a far off land in the midst of such a sordid people.

The Chinese teacher who has been

secured for us has so far proved very acceptable. He is quite clean, not inquisitive nor illmannered and seems to be willing to tell you of your mistakes. He is a better teacher than anyone of those Mr. Williams was able to secure at the coast, so Mr. Williams tells me. I think I have been quite blessed in securing such an one. I have taken a lesson every day since the last day of October longer or shorter and trust that within a week I shall be able to give several hours a day to the work.

Mr. & Mrs. Clapp are exceedingly good to us all. They are doing a good work here. Mrs. Clapp is getting a hold on the boys that are under her charge that will bear rich fruit in these next years.

We are all in good health & spirits to begin our work and I believe that the Lord is very near to us and that our prayers will be answered in behalf of this people.

Very truly yours,

E. R. Atwater.

Per. E. R. Atwater
Mon. 12, '92.
Pub. Jan. 16, '93.

Pai ku, Shansi.
Jan 16th - 93.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.,

Dear Sir,

Your kind letter of Nov. 8th - 92. reached us on this last mail. It is now three months since we reached our journey's end. So far we have had nothing but the best of health and shall probably become acclimated without difficulty. I think it would do your eyes good to see our rosy-cheeked babies. They could not be merrier if they were in the choicest plot of the home land. They are a great help to us. We have been exceedingly fortunate in securing servants. The woman who tends the children does so in an excellent spirit and lets them play alone or helps them a little but not too much. She is able to do considerable work besides, which is

Jen. C. M. Wood
Nov 12, '92.

somewhat remarkable. My wife is able in this way to study at least an hour a day if not more on an average.

I thoroughly enjoy acquainting myself with this strange tongue. It is no drudgery to my thinking. My days pass just now in this way. Breakfast 7:30 Chinese Prayers 8:15 Chinese Study 9:00 - 12:30; Dinner 12:30; Exercise or work 1:15 - 3:00 Writing, reading, sermonizing TC 3:00 - 5:30 Tea 5:30. English Prayers 6:30. There is generally some meeting or special work for evening. I find that more than four hours of diligent study of Chinese is not profitable for me at present. It is hard on the eyes and it is entirely an exercise of memory which ceases to yield one good returns after a certain time. I often spend some time in the afternoon talking with my Chinese teacher, using all the words I can but not exerting myself to look in the dictionary.

I have a good set of Chest-weights in my room which I do not allow to stand idle. We also try to have a walk on the wall at least every other day. The wall is almost if not quite a square, somewhat less than a mile on a side. My wife has walked around it several

times and taken many smaller trips. The other ladies have also been active.

I was nearly a month learning to recognize my own front door! If I came to it from a different way or even going & returning the same way I was quite unable to tell where it was and have walked right past more than once. I only trusted my self out in company with Mr. Clapp or Dr. Goldsbury for some time. If you come to China I think you will have some of the same experience. For the first few days one scarcely finds a single thing to distinguish one place from another. Shops, houses, doors, windows, blank walls, dogs, pigs, dirt all just alike. I did go out on horse back alone about a month ago after I felt somewhat at home out of doors but it grew dark before I reached our street again and for some little time I was actually lost. Heathen to right of you, heathen to left of, heathen behind you, whom you could not understand or could make understand. But I did not give up. I clung to one or two landmarks and most joyfully hailed my home again. Mr. Clapp had begun to look for me & was coming up the

street where I met him. From that moment I resolved that I would know every street in the city so thoroughly that I couldn't be turned around. So, every day I go out for a walk I investigate some part of the town and have a map of T'ai Ku quite well started. I mean to keep on until I have a practically correct one. If such a map would be of any service or interest I would be glad to prepare one for the Board rooms of good size. As I live in this region longer I intend to construct a good map of the outlying villiages with an estimate of population &c. but that will take some time.

We shall probably continue during the coming year, or at least until fall, the arrangement of boarding with Mr & Mrs Williams. It will give my wife more time to study.

But what are we here for? Truly, Dr. Smith, I believe in a lost and ruined race! In reading the report of the Board meeting, I noticed Dr. Clark began his sermon thus, "To know God & to be a man, said Jacobi, are one, just as not to know God and to be an animal are one." How much power, then, to convert these animals to men?

So many Chinaman, almost so many prejudiced, supercilious animals. I can see that. I can see, also, as I never did before, that but for the salvation brought by Christ Jesus our Lord we were all no more than that. Come over to China long enough to measure out what a pit He has lifted us. China is one of the world's Dead Seas, America is on the mountain summit. She is lifted there not of her own self but of God. Come over and look at this Dead Sea and then you can call more mightily to God to send salvation to this sin-cursed earth. I believe he will save China; poor, poor China. But he uses means. He will save China & the world in the appointed way. That is why we are here. May God increase the saving power of his Church this year; consecration, intercessory prayer, chosen men and adequate means. May God bless the American Board with great power for salvation in every way.

Very faithfully,
E. R. Atwater.

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Taiku, Jan. 16, 1893.

Rec'd March 23.

P'ai ku, Shansi.
March 30th-92.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.;
Sec. Am. Board;
Dear Sir;

I returned from T'ai Yuen Fu on Tuesday, 28th March, after the beloved brother, Dr. Goldsbury, had been laid to rest. He died at about 12:00 A.M. on Thursday, Mar. 23rd after a sickness of about two weeks. On the 8th inst. he & his wife went to Jên Tsun on his usual ~~this~~ monthly visit for medical work. Returning the next day he was caught in a snow storm mixed with rain and was chilled. On Sat, the 11th inst., altho not feeling able he attended his regular clinic and as it was mild & warm made us a call in the afternoon. The next morning, however, he had a high fever and did not again leave his bed. We were not able to tell what kind of a fever it was and did not send for Dr. Atwood until Tuesday morning. For fear that something might keep Dr. A. on Wednesday we dispatched a man to Dr. Edwards at T'ai Yuen Fu, with instructions to send for Dr. Wilson of Shou Yang, an independent missionary, if he could not come. Dr. A. arrived on Friday

morning, which was fully as soon as any one can be gotten from one station to another. That is we are three whole days away from any physician now that Dr. Goldsbury has been taken away, until another is sent us. That is, one in Boston can telegraph a physician in St Louis and get his help as soon as we ours in Ten Chou Fu.

Dr. Atwood was not able to decide fully on the fever but had in mind that it was Typhus. Dr Edwards could not come so on Sunday evening Dr. Wilson arrived. On Monday the 20th inst. the two consulted but even then were not sure. Dr. W. took charge of the case and on the supposition that it was Typhus laid a strict quarantine. He, Dr. Goldsbury, had reached a comatose state at this time from which he did not rise. The last crisis came at 6:00 A. M. Thursday, Mar. 23rd. Stimulants only caused a passing relief and the temperature rose to 107° as he passed away.

All possible expedition was used in the last rites of preparing for burial, lest the contagion should be further spread amongst us. A very heavy coffin was secured by Mr. Lin of a rich man. One that he had had made for

himself. This was soon at hand and all was finished by evening. As an instance of their superstition and of how careful we have to be in the most diverse ways, the Chinese reported among themselves that we had burned the doctor for medicine! The burning was the clothes worn by those who had taken care of him.

As it was quite possible that some might be taken with the fever, it was decided that the body must be taken immediately to T'ai Yuen Fu. Friday Morning very touching services were held both in Chinese and English. Many of the Chinese were deeply moved. They loved him exceedingly. The English service was appointed for 10:30 at Mr. Williams. Mr. & Mrs. Thompson were able to reach here in time to attend most of it.

It was decided that I should go with Mr. Clapp to T'ai Yuen Fu. The Carts came at 2:00 P.M. The Coffin was loaded on one, a open one. We road in a covered one.

As the roads were very heavy, we did not reach T'ai Yuen until just before the gates closed for the night, at 5:35 Sat. evening.

We went to Mr. Farthings and found that

he had kindly done all that we had asked him to do by messenger.

Service was appointed at the grave at 3:00 P.M. All the foreigners and many of their converts were there, a company of about seventy, I should say. The ground belongs to the Christians of the Province. It is on the hills to the East of the City more than a mile & a half away.

Nothing could show the utter lack of propriety or sympathy in unchristian Chinese hearts than the actions of the men hired to assist. Instead of doing as they had agreed and lowering the body into its place before the service began, they began to bargin again for more cash after we came, and shouted for wine money after the service had fairly begun.

The service was held in Chinese.

A few passages of scripture were read and several prayers offered. The Doctors friends spoke very tenderly of him and the service was ended.

At the English service in the Evening Mr. Clapp was given time to speak of the Doctor and his work. This he did most fittingly.

In closing, I want to speak in terms of great Commendation of Dr. Wilson and Mr. Williams who took charge of Dr. G. entirely for the last few days during the quarantine. At this writing all the rest of us are in good health & strength. We strengthen ourselves in God. He will not leave us.

Very truly, E. R. Atwater.

Rev. E. R. Atwater
Canton, March 30-1893
Recd May 25-

Pai ku, Shansi.
May 8th - 93.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of Am. Board;
Dear Sir,

In my letter of Mar. 30th I gave you somewhat of a detailed account of the sickness and death of our beloved brother Dr. Goldsbury. We have all been spared any further sickness of the same kind, for which we return thanks to our Heavenly Father. The time for our Annual Meeting came on April 16th. All were present except Mr. & Mrs Price of Fen Chou Fu. The entire meeting was marked by a very considerate and genial spirit. The work of the past and future was considered in an excellent manner. I enjoyed the entire session. Dr. Atwood's Annual Sermon and the Memorial Service at the close of the last day's service were especially helpful.

It had been very difficult to decide how we should arrange ourselves during the coming sum-

Rev. S. P. Ostrander
Jackson, March 30-1893
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mer, but at the close of the meeting it was decided that Mr & Mrs Williams spend the summer at Fen Chow Fu and that she should start immediately. This necessitated that we should begin house keeping immediately, a thing we had not planned to do until our return in the fall. But Mrs. Goldsbury's cook was glad to come to us and so we soon were started. And whereas Mrs Williams had boarded us, we returned the compliment by boarding her for the last three days before she went away.

Mrs. Goldsbury accompanied by Mr. Williams and a Chinese woman and a cook started for the Coast on Mond, Apr. 24th. At the present writing we have not heard how they have fared except during the first two days.

After they had gone Mr. Davis, Mr. Clapp and myself worked at the remaining goods of Dr. Goldsbury's outfit. They are now listed and stored and very little more needs to be done to keep them in order until they are needed.

We took leave of Mr. & Mrs Davis & Mrs. Williams Thursday, Apr. 27th, and our numbers seemed much reduced.

Mr Clapp went to Li Man the next day and

succeeded in renting a very good place at a more reasonable figure than at any previous time.
On Tuesday May 2nd Mr. Clapp took several workmen from this place and spent the remainder of the week in repairing the place and putting it in order for us. He was very kind and thoughtful in this matter and we very much appreciate his care. We and Miss Bird will spend the hot weather at Li Man and Mr. & Mrs Clapp will go to Jen Tsun and spend the summer with Mr. & Mrs Thompson.

The new Li Man place has a large yard, some shade trees, a good well, six good sized rooms for us, (dry and yet cool, for they face the North), good rooms for the servants and a place for a tennis-court. We feel that our little ones as well as ourselves will be able to thrive here.

I have tried very carefully to keep my study time from being consumed with all the various happenings and have not failed to find & use the amount I consider proper, except during Annual Meeting and a few other days. I trust I shall be ready for examination at the appointed time.

Taikiu, May 8, 1893.
Rec'd July 3.

During the last two or three days our little ones have had colds and some fever that though not severe, has given us some anxiety.

We shall be very glad to hear that another doctor has been secured for this station. We live, as I have no doubt every missionary in any Chinese city, amid sanitary surroundings that can only be parallelled by others in the same land, though it may be a characteristic of the entire East. I trust it is not.

I enclose a copy of Resolutions drawn up at the Annual Meeting to accompany a request for an appropriation to help us ~~to~~ locate outside the city. The resolutions were heartily approved by every one present and there seems to be no doubt as to the feeling that this is most desirable.

It is understood that the property we hold here in the city would be kept for street Chapel + other special uses and put to much important use.

I understand that several have been found for the North China Mission. I greatly rejoice. They have had great need. We also need others as soon as possible. Several new openings call for some to enter immediately.

Very truly yours,
E. R. Atwater.

I I MAN, SHANSI.
July 4th - 93.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of the Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

We have been at our summer home for a month and a half and it has proved exceedingly convenient and conducive to health. While for some time the heat in T'ai Ku has proved quite severe. The temperature in our large room has been at 86° for some days during the day, while outside the heat was between 120° and 130° in the sun. The rainy season has seemed to come somewhat earlier this year. We have had several rains during the last two weeks. The wheat is now being cut. This makes the season here full as late as in Ohio. The instrument used is a short straight knife attached to a handle not more than 15 or 18 inches long. The knife is perhaps 6 inches long. The men squat down and move along in this posture all day!

Miss Bird and I went in to T'ai Ku on the 14th of June to be examined. Mr. Williams stayed in the city studying until that time. We were examined in the school room, as somewhat larger & cooler than elsewhere. The examination was thorough and very interesting. Mr. T'arthing has a very good command of the language, speaking as easily and gracefully as in English. His examination papers touched on the things that were of consequence as well as those that were more difficult. My weak point was in writing character, somewhat to my surprise, as I expected to be somewhat better prepared in that than in the rest. The grades average 92+. We will all be glad to have his help next year also. I feel quite sure that a thorough system of examination in our preparation is a positive help. A sort of tonic that speeds on the work and brings one to the realization of what actual results he has attained.

Since we came to Li Man I have conducted the morning prayers with the servants.

I manage to make some remarks and ask some questions, mistakes or no mistakes. I am very anxious indeed to cultivate the spoken as fast or ahead of the written language. It is quite considerable for Mr. Williams, Miss Bird and myself to be left in charge of so much work with no more preparation in language, but doubtless it will be carried on.

Miss Bird is teaching a Sunday School class each week here, to which all the servants come. She is also teaching the women each afternoon on the place. Women have called to see us quite a number of times and we have done some talking about the Gospel.

Since coming here I have had a little more personal business contact with the people and have a lively sense of the traps that are set to catch the unwary. I find, for example, that I have been constantly cheated in buying coal; say fifteen or twenty pounds on a basket full. So that I have paid a dollar a cart load more than I should. The fine coal dust, burnt in the Chinese range, is often saturated with water, so as to add half to its weight or loaded with dirt as much as can be

colored black. I used to think Bret Harte's poems on the tricks of the Chinese were exaggerated but they can be paralleled every day in our experience. We have just dismissed the woman who has taken care of our children considerably this winter & spring. She was suspected of taking thread, needles & sugar but we were not prepared for the sight that met our eyes when we examined her bundles. In her audacity she had gone so far as to take two new sheets and cut them up for under garments besides several small garments and pieces of cloth. She had a good excuse for each particular thing. Was considerably vexed but not at all penitent and, unless we had intercepted her, would have carried off with her, as she went away, two other sheets which we had provided during a sick spell, from which she was just recovering.

Shansi, July 4th 1893.
Rec'd Sept. 6.

My wife is studying considerably here, as the children are less care. She hopes to take the first six months examination next Spring. She is very desirous to be able to begin work among the women. It is a branch of the work that must have more attention. The stability of our schools and every thing here depends upon our securing the conversion of the mothers as well as the children.

Very faithfully yours,
E. B. Atwater.

Li Man, Shansi.
Aug. 11th - 93.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.
Sec. of the Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

We have just received word of the coming of another single lady to this mission and to the Tai Ku Station. This is very joyful news. We welcome Miss Partridge with open arms. We feel that it will greatly strengthen the hands of Miss Bird and of the others here. We will do all in our power to make it pleasant for her and to help her to adjust herself to the new and strange situation in which she will find herself.

The coming of this very desirable addition brings its problems however. Especially taken in connection with our imperative need of a doctor, not only to make openings for evangelistic work but also for the protection of

the four families and the two single ladies who will be on this side of the plain. I do not need to urge the importance of securing a doctor at the earliest possible moment because you are fully in agreement with us in this matter. Dr. Atwood has a noble work upon his hands at this time and can scarcely, if at all, leave his work except in the extremity of disease. But I will not reverse reasons that you have already in mind.

Considering, then, the appointment of a physician as quite settled, I wish to urge that the money called for to erect new buildings for the Taiku station be immediately voted. We have canvassed every possible plan for the placing of a doctor and another single lady here and the maintenance and right extension of the work and there is nothing at all adequate. We will enclose several statements of possible plans for the best disposal of the room at our command and the several difficulties and faults in each of them.

Our hands are practically tied, as if

stands now. There will be excellent force here on the ground ready for work but that force will have no adequate means of spending itself, there will be light but it will be cooped up under a large bushel. Are we to have two young ladies here and not a place to have a station class? Are we to have a doctor here and half his work lost because he cannot have inpatients? Are we to have several married women here anxious to be seen, but no room to make their Chinese callers welcome overnight? Are there men here ready to take opium patients for reform and not a place to do the work?

These are weighty considerations. The sending of workers implies the supplying of the instruments necessary to make their work effective and in China, at least, there is no more effective weapon than a little room.

I will again urge the health argument as I very lately went into the city after being for six weeks out in the quiet, clean, open courts of the village. The city streets were simply appalling; never had my eye rested on such foulness or my nose been insulted with such smells.

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Ki Mau, Aug. 11, 1893
Rec'd Oct. 16

Li Man, Shansi.
Sept. 14th - 93.

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a good outing and fresh air for several weeks.

In view of Miss Partridge's coming and the needs of the work, it has seemed best on the whole for us to move over to Men Lou Dou into Dr. Goldsbury's place. I have had charge of the general cleaning up, whitewashing &c&c that seem to be necessary. In view of dampness in the floors, they were taken up, the bricks dried in the sun, the damp earth to the depth of eight inches or so taken out and broken brick, dry sand and dry coal dust filled in and the dry bricks again relaid for the floor. For the same reason a small window and two extra doors have been put in. I feel that the place is now fully as dry as any that we occupy and in a better condition than Mr. Williams rooms. It may be that Dr. Goldsbury's strength would have been greater if these changes had been made sooner. Dr. Atwood condemns all our places for their dampness and I feel that he is certainly in the right. But with the changes I have indicated I feel that all our places are about on a par and that ~~that~~ we may live in one as safely as in the other until money to build else where is sent us.

The Lord has very graciously spared the life of Mrs. Williams and her little one. It is a cause for great thankfulness. The mission has certainly many tokens of a loving Providence this year altho we have suffered one so severe loss.

The school has begun its work again and seems to prosper finely. There is a very high spirit of work among them and they many of them promise well for the future. Mrs. Clapp spends her heart, as the people here would say, in caring for them. They number upwards of twenty five and others would come but there is no room for them. Mr. Clapp has this year dismissed one of those who had charge of the boys rooms and devided his work among the school boys. This is a good movement. A little work will be a help in several ways.

Believing that our work is prospered of the Lord, I remain,

Very Faithfully Yours,

E. R. Atwater.

P.S. Permit me to acknowledge your favors of May 18th & July 3rd which I have before me. Your words of cheer are a continual blessing.
E.R.A.

Li Man Sept. 14, 1893.

Rec'd Oct. 1.

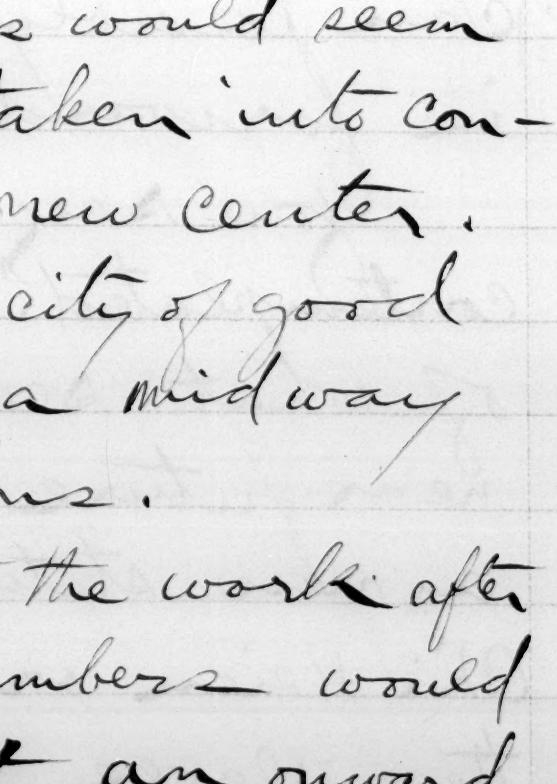
Taiku, Shansi.
Dec 30th - 93.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of A.B.C.F.M.,
Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge two letters, one of Sept 28th and one of Oct. 18th, both of which gave us great encouragement. We feel that we are very tenderly and considerately cared for by the Board and that all that can possibly be done will be done in forwarding the work.

You say, "No enlargement can be contemplated." This leads me to speak of what seems quite possible in the near future. I refer to the opening of a new station either at P'ing Yao, Ch'i Hsien or Ching Yuan. Each of these places are desirable when one contemplates enlarging the work. They all lie in a line midway between our two large stations, Tai Ku & Fen Chou Fu. Taiku being East & Fen Chou Fu West, Ching

Yuan lies between them to the North, Ch'i Hsien on a direct line and P'ing Yao to the South. Some thing like this:



I only approximate their relative positions. Ch'ing Yuan lies on the North side of the plain tight to the mountains and P'ing Yao on the South side of the plain near the mountains. Both places would be very good centers for touring, while P'ing Yao is important as affording us another banking center and a better opening for money from the coast. As the mission grows this would seem an important factor to be taken into consideration in opening a new center. Ch'i Hsien is also a town or city of good size and well situated as a midway point between our two stations.

Provided Mr. Clapp returns to the work after his rest in America, our numbers would seem sufficient to warrant an onward step. Or provided another family comes out from America. We hear that Mr. Leuthi of Oberlin Theological Seminary, class of -94 is seriously thinking of coming

to Shansi. If he applies I trust he will be sent here. He is personally acquainted with nearly every one on this field and is a man whom we all respect & love very highly for his manly staying qualities & his devout spirit. He would be a great help to us I am sure. We want some more men who will stick for the Shansi mission & our work here will grow at a more rapid rate than in the past perhaps. For should one subtract two years or so as properly preparatory work from the the time each one appointed to this mission has actually been on the field, the amount of time spent in evangelistic work here would still be a rather small aggregate. The seed sowing has not yet been fully done by any means. Prejudice seems to be lessening somewhat at this time. People of the better class who evidently have no ax to grind in coming about us, are more numerous in the meetings this

winter and on several occasions some one has risen at the close of the service or during its progress to ask for prayer & signifying his intention to repent.

My prayer is that a sense of sin may deepen in the hearts of those who seem to be turning to the light. One man, Mr. Wang, has indeed seemed exceedingly concerned for his soul and we are all greatly rejoiced. He has actually given up his business in order that he may be more free from the worship of idols. His case is also interesting from the fact of his having two wives and we here must decide his future standing in relation to the Church. Mr. Clapp is making many inquiries and has not yet received him as a probationer. The replies thus far are to the effect that he should be received as a church member but debarred from any of the positions of responsibility or authority. The situation seems to be different from that in Africa where they decided not to receive except as all but one wife was divorced.

We are all quite well and most of our time is given to study.

Very truly,
E. R. Atwater.

Secy. Bd. Mar. 9.
Ans.

Li Man, Shansi.
June 7th - 94.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Sec. of Am. Board,

Dear Sir,

It is some considerable time since I last wrote. The time has been spent in study, in arranging the place here for the summer & in moving. I also taught three classes in the T'aiku school during the term and took charge of the Sunday school. I am fairly well ready for the examination but have not done quite so well as I could wish. I began regular Sunday service last sunday, our first here this summer. We did well to come as soon as we did, for our little Mary has been very ill of Cholera infantum and is now slowly gaining. The very hot weather was the cause. We praise the Lord this P.M. for a cool rain. With careful watching she will recover. Miss Bird is quite as well as usual, having carried the school through in a very creditable manner.

The word to Mrs. Atwater of a new doctor is very pleasant. In view of his appointment I enclose a letter to him, which I desire that you would kindly forward.

The Day of Prayer for the Am. Board & its work was gladly & heartily kept here in our Mission. We were glad to have this request from the Board & we remembered them unitedly at the appointed time & our prayers are ceaseless in their behalf.

Yours very faithfully,

E. R. Atwater.

Shansi, June 7, 1894
Rec'd Aug. 6, 1894

SHANSI MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD.

P. O. ADDRESS: TIENTSIN, CHINA.

Jen Tsun, Shansi, China, July 21st 1894

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec of the Am. Board,

Dear Sir,

Our work has gone on steadily for some little time in about the usual way. The principal event of the month has been the examination in Chinese of which a full report will doubtless be forwarded you. Rev. G. B. Farthing, of Eng. Bapt. Mission, Tai Yuen fu, again acted as examiner. Three of us were examined, Miss Partridge, Mrs. Atwater & myself. Mr. Williams was so indisposed that he was unable to take it then & is still quite unwell. Miss Partridge passed well on the full six months scedule, Mrs. Atwater passed on a little more than six months work with an average of about 95° and I have been prospered so well that I took nearly two full years' work in one year. I hope to finish the entire course this year. As you might well suppose we are all quite pleased with the result. My wife can expect to be familiar with the Chinese New Testament in another year

and ready to take up woman's work or school teaching as occasion offers.

I am now trying to decide what work will on the whole be the best to engage in. I shall help in the school next year & take one service on Sunday, as I did during this Spring, but should Bro. Clapp return to his field next year it will be necessary to make some changes. Evangelistic work appeals to me very strongly, as the shortest road to self supporting churches. The English Baptist Mission to the North of us with but five years longer time on the ground are far, far ahead of us in their results and have obtained it by patient, persistent, direct, evangelistic work. They have schools, a number of them; they are university educated men and believe in a most thorough education as the goal of that kind of work but at present they do not regard it as the best means to employ at the first.

Our mission is certainly weak in evangelistic labor. There has never been a protracted, regular working of important centers, outside of our main centers, with the exception of Sunday visitation, if you take out Bro. Thompson's work. There has been much

irregular touring and much good has doubtless been done. Visible results however are not large and would appear to depend on more systematic cultivation of individuals. I am aware that there are other views on this very important subject and that it calls for most earnest & patient investigation. The end in view is salvation of souls the question of vital importance is, what are the best means of winning them.

Several considerations, seem to be very important to a person on the field but not present to workers in America, might well be spoken of. One is, the danger of with foreign money supporting those whom you desire for future helpers. Hypocracy is a fundamental characteristic of the Chinese. He will not hesitate to profess conversion, to devoutly engage in all of the divine services, to pray with utmost fervor and to exhort with moving eloquence, in order to make his place as a teacher or servant more secure. The struggle for existence is also severe among such a

crowded population and the danger is that having spent years of patient toil and much mu upon chosen youths that they are at last fo rotten at the core. They were willing to preach the gospel for the money there is in it.

Missionaries themselves lose most of their influ because the money that supports them comes from nu knows where and an evangelist paid by foreign mu to preach the gospel is working under an immeng burden of suspicion. He is doing it for the money th is in it, so his people say & most of those who have lively business on hand would be perfectly willin to do the same. I believe that if it were possible f foreign missionaries to support themselves, as Paul di their influence would be vastly greater than it is. Thi ing entirely out of the question, the work must be car on, as best it can, on the present lines. (I trust I not be misunderstood in anything I say.)

I have no hesitation in saying that half, at least, of al who have in the past professed conversion in this missio have since been show to be hypocrites. The case seems to almost warrant such a statement as thi

Tsiku, Shansi.
Nov 17th - 94.

(though I should be very glad to be shown that I was in error), "every China man who professes Christianity in <u>these</u> days should be considered a hypocrite, until he has proven himself otherwise by his self sacrifice."

I say "in these days", because the time may come, when they will know us well enough so that only those who are really trying to repent & serve God apply for membership.

When after preaching you see a man put away his idols, teach his wife to read & his children to love God, and all the time carry on his old business in an industrious way <u>without</u> the help of <u>foreign money</u>, I should say that you had <u>first class proof</u> that he was genuine. We have a few such in the mission now but not many. We want <u>more</u>, <u>more</u>, <u>more</u>!

Paul lays down the general rule, "Let every man <u>remain</u> in the calling in which he was called". This has come to have very important & very practical weight with many in their plans for the establishment of self supporting

churches.

There is another consideration.

The child in this land has almost a min of influence on his elders. He is not his own master until his parents & his elder brothers di To gain over the head of a family is like a whole tree & transplanting it bodily. a child certainly may not move the tree are many, many chances that the child will never have moral strength enough to stand the opinion of his elders.

The rest of the mission are all reasonably well with the exception of Mr. Williams. Dr. Atwoo came down last Night from Fen Chow fu thro a rain, four days from the time he was sent for We all have time to die or get well in that time. Unless we have a doctor soon in Taiku, some one likely to be taken away for lack of help. We wait patiently but we do not feel provided for in sense of the word until a doctor is here in Taiku

With kindest regards & respects,

I remain,

yours faithfully,

E. R. Atwater

Rec'd Sept. 12 ans'd Sept. 21

Fen Chow fu Aug. 21, 1894

Taiku, Shansi.
Nov 17th - 94.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

We have remembered you in our prayers and we trust that ere this you have been able to resume your work in renewed health & strength. As we have sympathized with you in your need of change, so you will ~~the more~~ sympathize with us in our appeal for more sanitary quarters. Since we closed the work for the Summer in Taiku last June Bro. Williams has had several months of sickness, Miss Bird has been sick for two or three weeks & is far from strong and I myself have suffered for several weeks from a cold that almost amounts to Bronchitis. Doubtless this year has been an unusually unfavorable year for all both Chinese as well as foreigners. Never the less I feel that to live in such narrow paved courts as we do, in the midst of such a vile city

is practical suicide. Is it worth while to continue such a policy? We are now occupyi the same compound where the lamented Dr. Goldsbury died. He was unable to keep his health and soon passed away and the longer I live here the more I understand the oddi that were against him.

It was a noticeable fact that little Neq Goldsbury was afflicted almost continuou with throat trouble and in spite of all tha we can do our little girls seem to be going the same way this fall.

All that I have said must not be interprete as discouragement. We are not discouraged. We intend to live and we mean use every mea in our power to keep alive.

But every one of us feels that it is killi to live in these narrow damp cold courts an that we <u>must</u> get away from them and out of th city.

Our main building, used as sitting room & bedroom faces due South along our single court which is just 20 feet wi between buildings on the East & West. The sun, becau of the height of the buildings & the narrowness of the court

floods the whole of it only for a minute at Noon. And during only four hours, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. is the sun upon the floor of the court at all. There being nothing but brick pavement and no possibility of any grass or vegitation of any kind and the pavement being generally damp as well as the wall of the buildings, life in such a court is practically one at the bottom of a well so many feet deep. Take also into account the evil of a bald reflection of the sun from walls & pavement; the cold of the pavement with hot sun on the head and conditions are present which render health almost impossible.

Missionaries of the Am. Board are all carefully examined as to their health before leaving home, of what use is it to select healthy missionaries & permit them to live in such killing conditions as this? Is there any physician who could expect us to keep well under the conditions I describe? At the annual meeting of 1893 we called for an appropriation for Taiku. In 1894 we renewed the appeal and we must renew

it until our request is heard.

Shansi is a hard field to work because of the almost complete dominion of the opium habit. It is like trying to save a race of drunkards. Our field being such an one, do we not need the help of healthful homes where we may keep our health and strength equal to our task?

I am just ready to begin active work in preaching or touring, let us hope that the Lord will graciously give health and strength. And what I ask for myself, I doubly desire for Mr. Williams & Miss Bird & Miss Partridge & the other workers in our Mission.

The work has been carried along here in nearly all its parts since Sept. I took Bro. Williams place until he came back about the first of this month when I was taken sick. Mr. IV kept up classes in the school while Miss Bird was sick & so very little of the work has been passed over without attention. There have been two or three inquirers lately but it is too soon to speak definitely. We intend soon to have a station class of the probationers to the number of five or six and perhaps more and trust that it may be a season of great good to them & to us.

Let me speak again of the situation in Taiku. There have been mistakes of judgment in the past as to what was needed. Such mistakes were in the nature of things unavoidable. Money has been spent here without taking either health or growth of the work into the account. The place purchased on the South St is all too small for half of the workers, even were the buildings dry & healthful. And there is no possible way to buy more land and provide for our growing work. It is out of the question. It would simply be throwing the money away.

What, then, is to be done? Simply to make the change that is necessary while avoiding these and similar mistakes.

We have learned by our mistakes. Both Jen Tsun & Fen Chongfu are now in healthful & commodious quarters where they can live & work. I except, of course, Bro. Davis' place which is not in a healthful place and is of the cold paved court kind. Of course Jen Tsun has only the land & a few inhabitable buildings, they of course need money for suitable buildings in time.

I have now lived in the place to which I was assigned for more than two years and feel that I have made a thorough test of the present situation. As you see I am not at all satisfied with it. I feel that I must do something soon & radical not only for myself but for my family. Just what that something is I do not feel sure.

If Bro. Clapp comes back to Taiku next year I will not be needed here at all and I must either open a new station or find a place at Fen Chow fu. There are several places where a new station would greatly help our work and I would be glad to see it done.

I feel sure that having seen best to send me to Shansi, you will do all in your power to help me to the healthful and suitable place to work.

Looking to the Lord for guidance & help in all these matters,

I remain,

faithfully yours,

E. R. Atwater.

Recd Jan. 19-1893

Taiku, Shansi, China.
Jan 30th - 95.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to report to you that the health of the Station is considerably better than when I last wrote, - my self & family being now quite well and the others about as usual. For this we are very thankful. This however does not lessen our desire for a more healthy location.

Mr. Williams has doubtless written you of the reception of members to the Taiku Church on Jan 13th. Mr. Wang, a mat merchant doing business in the city but having a family in a village to the North of us, seems to have the root of the matter in him. He has been very regular in attendence at all the meetings both on Sunday and during the week. Altho hindered by lack of education, he has made considerable progress in knowledge of the truth and has learned to read fairly well. He is not brilliant or smart but we have good hopes that he will witness a good confession before his people.

Old Mr. Wu, who comes from a villiage about a mile and a half just West of us, also causes us to rejoice. Altho quite advanced in life he comes regularly to the Sunday service and gives the closest of attention. He probably will never be able to read but for all that his testimony for his Master will have great weight. We trust that he may be the means of bringing others to Christ from this place.

The third man received at this time was an old man, a servant on the place by the name of Kuo. He can read well and has learned a great deal of the doctrine since he has been here. We trust that he is serving God in this step and not trying to please us.

There was also a woman received, Mr. Liu's daughter-in-law. She learns rapidly and answered the questions that were put to her very well indeed. She is the mother of three children and she has an ample opportunity to train them up for God for they are all little ones as yet.

These four make a very substantial addition to the church this year and altho several who were first received have proved unworthy, yet there

cause for much thankfulness.

That you may have many examples of how difficult it is to tell who is and who is not deceiving, I will speak of some of those who have proved unworthy. There was a man on probation this past year by the name of Tu. He had made a study of Buddhism & had visited many noted temples and monasteries to study the doctrine. He came to us; finally said he repented and wished to join the church. He was received on probation, gave us a large collection of Buddhist books. He soon excelled all the others in the fervency & fluency of his prayers. He wanted to sell books. He came in one day with a severe bruise on his head, which he said he received while trying to persuade his brother to repent. He was exceedingly anxious for the probationers Class to be begun. But about this time a servant was needed and he immediately applied for the place but was rejected, as we do not believe in hiring our converts. Soon after there was occasion to hire another & he again applied and was again rejected. This was more than he could endure. He openly cursed & reviled us and the doctrine in the presence of the School. Said he had given

up Buddhism & come over to us and that was all he was getting for it. And so he has dropped off & for several Sundays has not come near. We hope that the truth may yet reach him but we are sad to see him turned away.

Mr. Tu, a teacher, who has been with the foreigners for seven or eight years and who was received as a member at the organization of the Taikn Church has utterly fallen away, simply because Bro. Williams felt that he must have a change of teachers and ceased to hire him. He has not come into the Chapel since. He had previously been suspended for immoral conduct but had claimed to repent & was making a profession.

Journ. Jan. 30, 1895.
Rec'd April 16.

I have noticed that the two heathen teachers that I have hired this year, both Taikn men, began to attend our services regularly just after I began to pay them their wages & the one I dismissed stopped coming to Church as soon as I stopped his pay. They were not invited to come but seem to feel that they are bound to do so. It is a matter of good form or a matter of business.

I have been pushing along my language study and am just finishing the Sacred Edict — a most excellent help to good Chinese and to an understanding of Chinese Sociology. Every one should read it. There is a good translation by Mr. Baller, C. I. M. I begin Mencius Feb. 1st and expect to finish the three years & a half course this Spring.

Faithfully yours,
E. R. Atwater.

Li Man, Shansi.
June 4th-95.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Sec. of the Am. Board,
Dear Sir;

Your letter of Feb. 13th has been waiting some time for a reply. In this you mention the subject of our quarters in Taiku and of the interest that had been aroused by a communication from me on the subject. I can personally testify of the relief we experienced when the time came for us to come out to Li Man again and I am quite sure that since they left the city the other friends have also improved in general tone. I have no doubt that (i.e. the Taiku places) were you here, you would pronounce them "prisons" and prisons in the worst of unsanitary surroundings. In Li Man we can rejoice in some large yards, with more or less shade, a space for flowers and garden, and the children can dig in the dirt to their hearts content. These are great blessings.

The Taiku station has spent much time and conscientious thought on the subject of removing from the city. It is not at all an easy problem. 1st The new place must be well situated in reference to the other stations of the mission, so as not to overlap in its work. 2nd It must if possible be able to conserve the work already opened. 3rd It must be itself <u>more</u> healthfully situated. 4th It must be reasonably near to banks and market. 5th It must be big enough to hold the work we carry on, medical, school, evangelistic. 6th It must come within our limited means. 7th When you have found the place you want to actually get hold of it.

Li Man suits the conditions in some ways and in some ways it does not seem to the Taiku people to do so. But as yet no other place has been gotten hold of. Bro. Williams desires to rent in Fu Tzŭ, only a mile from Taiku, but has not succeeded. It still remains a question what is best to be done.

I should have expressed earlier in this letter what a deep feeling we all have had

that Mr. L. S. Ward should be called away from his earthy duties at this time. We all are desirous that his associates at the Board Rooms shall know the deep regard and esteem in which he has been held by this mission and with which his memory will be cherished. May the Board be guided in the choice of one who may worthily take up his work so zealously and patiently carried on.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission was held at Jen Tsun, Apr. 14-18. The entire Mission was present with the exception of Rev. Mr. Price & family detained by his sickness and Miss Partridge. It was a spiritual blessing and time of earnest thought. The work of the year was reviewed in a hopeful spirit and the plans for the future matured.

This included another unanimous vote that Taiku station be moved outside the city and that Rev. Mr. Davis be stationed at Jen Tsun to be with Rev. Mr. Thompson and that I be stationed at Mr. Davis old home in Fen Chow fu.

The reasons for our going to Fen Chow fu are 1st that Taiku station is fully manned without us,

2nd I prefer to do evangelistic work rather than school work; provided I am free to choose.

3rd Dr. Atwood's medical work has not been followed up as it might be and entrances affected into their homes and this he was anxious to see done and invited me to take hold of it.

4th Altho we would prefer to give up Mr. Hui's place on Taihochiao (a street, by the way, in Fenchowfu) on account of its paved courts and general situation, yet the lack of funds is such that there seemed scarcely any other way to provide homes for the mission. The vote was unanimous that the change be made and as we had discussed the matter personally in private with each member separately & known their mind in the matter, we feel that it is the best we can do with the light we have.

As the newly elected Sec. of the mission I will hope to enclose a resolution which is now being circulated. It votes a special reduction of $50.00 in all our salaries for 1896, as an expression of our desire to help in these times of stress. Those of us who are so situated will gladly contribute of our salaries additional gifts. We trust that all will do to their full capacity. May many blessings both at home and abroad flow from this peculiar time of financial stringency. With many prayers for the work of Christ in the hands of the Am. Board, I remain, faithfully yours, E. R. Atwater.

Ev. Mary Francis Field Aug. 3 1895

Li Man, Shansi.
June 20th - 95.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

As the resolution relative to a retrenchment of salaries for 1896 did not return to me, I was unable to enclose it by the last courier. Please find it enclosed. In my own case I would make additional contributions, were it not that the debt with which I left home still remains in part and as it is owed to father Pond who is just now in especial need of funds, needs to be paid as fast as possible. Others of our mission had already decided to contribute directly to the work here, before the resolution was decided upon. So that in various ways we felt that no more than $50.00, could be named in a general resolution.

It gives me great pleasure to state that on the 12th of June, another girl became one of our family, Celia Bell Atwater. Her middle name after Mrs. Sarah Bell Saunders

of the N. S. African Mission. Both mother and Child are doing excellently well.

Rev. Mr. Saunbey of the Eng. Baptist Mission, Tai Yüen fu arrived here on the 14th inst. to examine us. Mrs. Atwater was examined by letter two weeks previous and nearly finished up one year & a half's work. At this examination I finished up the entire course with the exception of Mencius & Ming hsien Chi. The report of examination will be forwarded soon.

Faithfully Yours,
E. R. Atwater.

Fi Hsian, June 20, 1895
Recd Aug. 7. 1895

Copy.

Jen Tsun
July 1st -95

Dear Mr. Williams,

In compliance with the request of the committee of the Shansi Mission of the A. B. C. F. M. I have examined the following members of the mission in their knowledge of Chinese, namely Revs G. L. Williams and E. R. Atwater, Mrs. Thompson, Atwater and Davis and Miss Partridge.

It is with much pleasure that I can honestly and conscientiously congratulate your friends and yourself on the result. What especially pleased me was the accuracy with which each one of the friends examined has so far obtained the language. The foundations have been well laid and only a steady advance is needed to arrive at perfection.

I will now detail the results of the examination in each case,

Mrs. Thompson —

New Tst., Acts to Titus inclusive — 90%

This result speaks for itself. Mrs. Thompson

has an excellent knowledge of this portion of the New Testament and is to be especially commended for recognizing characters apart from their connection.

Mrs. Davis.

New Testament	Matt. to acts	88%
Wade's Ten Dialogues		92%
	Average Result	90%

Mrs Davis answered the questions with a freedom and detail that showed a clear grasp of Chinese idiom and her translations of English into Chinese deserve the highest praise.

Mrs. Atwater

Wades Ten Dialogues	91%
Gospels - Mark to John	97%
Average	94%

Mrs. Atwater has obtained the highest marks. Her papers were scholarly and the translations were almost perfect.

Miss Partridge

Wades forty exercises	88%
" Ten Dialogues	84%
New Testament Mark & John	84%
" " Matt. Luke, acts	90%
Average	88% (Probably a clerical error. The correct average = 86 2/7%)

Sec. E. R. Atwater

Miss Partridge has gone over a large amount of

work but the papers show that it has all been well done and the result is entirely satisfactory.

Rev. E. R. Atwater

Martin's Evidences	93%
Sacred Edict	91%
Psalms	89%
New Testament Romans to Rev.	90%
Tones	83%

Average 89%. Apart from tones 91%.

Mr. Atwater has also gone over a large course but shows a thorough acquaintance of the books he has read. His accuracy in remembering the characters apart from their connection is remarkable and he is also to be much commended for his knowledge of the tones. This special branch of the examination somewhat reduces his average but the percentage of 83 in a tone examination is very high.

Rev. G. L. Williams.

New Test. Rom. to Rev.	85%
Psalms	88%

Average 86½%

Mr. Williams' papers bear the same general characteristic of accuracy & clear grasp of Chinese idiom & construction; his translations from Chinese into English

Exhibit a good insight into the peculiarities of the language.

I have further examined Mr. Williams & Mr. Atwater & Miss Partridge in the spoken language. With Miss Partridge I held a conversation in Chinese and I listened attentively to the brethren while conducting worship, including the reading & explanation of the scriptures and catechizing and I had some opportunity of hearing their general conversation in Chinese. Both the brethren speak with a considerable amount of fluency & ease, their idiom was correct so that every sentence was readily understood and the ear was not offended by mispronunciations or misplaced aspirates.

In my opinion Mr. Williams & Mr. Atwater are quite competent to conduct full services & have such a knowledge of the language as will enable them to fulfil the duties of the Christian missionary. I have not marked for this branch of the examination as it is not very easy to decide the exact value that should be given but it is fair to Mr. Williams to say that if marks had been given his general average would have been higher.

Miss Partridge's answers to my questions were correct, if somewhat slow in response but her general knowledge of the language is such that there can be no doubt that increased intercourse with the people will bring fluency as well as correctness.

It has been to me a real pleasure to have been able to comply with the request of the Committee & I feel deeply thankful to our Heavenly Father for so many who are now ready to take their part in the evangelization of Shansi.

With sincere prayers that God's blessing may rest on every member of the Mission,

Believe me, Dear Mr. Williams,

Yours very sincerely,

Arthur Sowerby,

Eng. Bapt. Mission.

Taiyüenfu, Shansi.

Li Man, Shansi
July 3rd, 1895.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a copy of Rev. A. Sowerby's letter of the Eng. Bapt. Mission Tai Yüen fu. This details the results of the last examinations in Chinese held during the latter part of June at Li Man and Jen T'sun. It is scarcely necessary to call your attention to the fact of so many taking examinations at one time and that of the six examined three are married women with many household duties. I probably speak within bounds when I say that these three ladies are setting a very worthy example to the ladies of the sister missions in the province. I am not informed as to places more remote.

It gives me great satisfaction that I can give a heartfelt word of praise for the workers in our mission. Not one of them stands in the way of the progress of the work. That the work does not show rapid numerical gains

lies solely in the fact of the inherent difficulties of Christian work in China & especially perhaps in opium cursed Shansi. The hardest thing we have to do is to be patient and wait until there is an opportunity to speak in the right way for Christ. It seems of no use to use the forcing process in any of its many fages; rather, it is a positive injury to the work. I can truthfully say that every member of the mission is daily putting forth every effort and using every available means for the spread of the Gospel.

In this connection I wish to speak of the services of Dr. Hall who attended Mrs. Atwater so recently. He gave us the help of a thoroughly trained physician and we have nothing but words of commendation for him. Mrs. Atwater has made a speedy and complete recovery and today at the end of three weeks goes about here household affairs with her full health and strength. This taken with what we know of his work in his clinics gives us ground for great satisfaction that the mission has secured one so competent to carry on the work

of our beloved Mr. Goldsbury.

It has been difficult for Mr. Hall in some ways to adjust himself to such a great change as the coming to such heathen surroundings involves but he has succeeded in very good degree. I mention this that you may know what he has had to encounter & also how we view his presence with us at the present time.

The tendency of affairs in regard to the location of Taiku station seems to be towards securing places at Fu Tzŭ just outside of the city of Taiku. This is the best thing to be done in my judgment. The work already done is better conserved. The location for touring is better. It is well situated to carry on the business of the station. Its situation with reference to Jen Tsun is the best. The only thing that remains to be done is to secure the places at reasonable rates. This takes much time but it will doubtless be finished within another month. Those concerned deeply regret any move but feel that the experience of the past is against living inside the city walls.

We are looking forward hopefully to the work in

Fen Chou fu. If Mrs. Atwater is permitted to carry on the girl's school there, while Mrs. Davis carries on the one now started in Jen Tsun, she will be more than happy. And I trust that I may be permitted to reach the homes of the people by systematic touring.

The great barrier to the progress of the gospel in China consists in the immobility of the literati, more than in any other one thing. Every scholar is an aspirant for office and a dependent of the sovereign. Not only are the officials exclusively chosen from their number but the scholars in every village & hamlet dominate the place, so that an uneducated man cannot transact any business without their concurrence. The scholar has his hand on everything and everybody in the empire and self interests of every sort forbid him to give the gospel message any consideration or attention whatever and lead him to violently oppose any one who is inclined to listen to it. I therefore have gradually come to feel that we ought to pray specifically for the overthrow of the literati in China. Not, doubtless, in public or private meetings with the Chinese but in our English meetings and perhaps in the home land. By "overthrow", I mean, such a change in the administration of the empire that Confucianism shall no longer be a test for office holding but that a much broader system shall take its place. This seems to be a possible result of the war, though scarcely probable — such is the cast iron nature of things in this empire. China is much more likely to break than to bend under the pressure of outside forces.

Trusting that this communication will find you prospered in health & strength, I remain,

faithfully yours,

E. R. Atwater. Sec. of the Missio

Rec'd Aug. 21

Fuchy 3, 1895

Fen Chowfu, China
Nov 5th 1895.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

We are glad to write you of our settlement at Fen Chowfu. We are now quite well adjusted to our new home on Tai Hê Ch'iao street, some what more than half a mile from Dr. Atwood's and Bro. Price's place on Nan Shui Ching Street. We are nearer the East Gate of the City and they are near the North West Corner of the city wall. Unless some very urgent need arises, we hope not to move from this place. Unless the Board can some time gives us money to help us to a more healthful locality.

I have already made two tours since coming here and now that we are settled shall expect to engage in various kinds of active work. Mrs. Atwater opened the Fen Chow fu girls school again Nov. 1st, which has been closed since Mrs. Davis went to Jen Tsun and there opened her school. So that now the mission is

to have two girls schools in addition to the two boys schools. This indicates progress. The girls will be slow in coming in but we hope that in a few weeks there will be eight or ten. There are two to begin on. The woman engaged to cook for the school is a church member. She has unbound her feet and has learned to read readily in the Testament under the teaching of Mrs. Thompson & Mrs. Davis. Altho not under instruction for over a year she has evidently studied at home and made good progress by herself. This is very encouraging and she seems likely to be able to take the place of teacher in the school and we will hire another woman to cook. This is a great advance over hiring a man and a heathen at that to teach the character as ~~we~~ feared we had to do. The woman's name is Tien

Oct. 22nd '11,

On one of my tours, ~~the other day~~ I was very kindly entertained by a Mr. Liang who altho he has not been admitted to the church by the missionaries of the C. I. M. is yet a professing adherent. He is the proprietor of a confectionary

shop and needs no help from foreigners. He invited me to dine at his home, which I did and found that his wife had unbound her feet and also her little girl's feet and was rejoicing in God. It was a great help to me to see this sign of the progress of the Gospel, so unexpected as it was. . . . . .

This soil is very, very stony but still there are some signs of change.

On Oct. 18th I made a tour to Lo Cheng about 7 miles North east of Fen Chou fu. I was permitted to sit in a wine shop because the man who went with me had a relative there. They were not very cordial at first but before I left we had talked freely on many subjects and I had spoken several things about Christianity and the Faith. I feel that one must cultivate some acquaintance with a place and people before one can speak with any influence. After leaving this shop, where several men had dropped in and had joined in the conversation we were invited to go into a jewelry shop. The proprietor was a pleasant old man, rather hard of hearing. After

some friendly words, he asked some of the clerks to show me around the place. I was taken to the rear and they stopped beside a covered well. They then told me that the well was dry and useless and asked me whether there was any risk in their filling it up! I saw at once they were asking me a question in ~~regard to~~ geomancy and was glad to answer that there was not the slighest risk and then went on to make it the text of a little talk on Christian freedom, as opposed to their lucky days and unlucky directions ad infinitum. One is at once sad and glad over such an incident. Sad that the best heart & head in China is so darkened and glad that the Sun of Righteousness is rising over China to dispel its darkness.

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of Aug 6th, Aug 21st and Sept 4th. They have been duly circulated and contents noted.

With prayers for the progress of God's kingdom through the agency of the American Board,

I remain,

faithfully Yours,

E. R. Atwater.

Fuh Chow, China
Rec'd Dec. 26.
Ans. Jan. 1896.

Enclosed please find a sample of the Calendar we have got out & printed by native here in the city. It contains Lord's Day & Clinical Calendars. The reaching places of our mission, the hospitals & the schools are also named. We hope to make our work better known by distributing about 1000.

Fen Chou Fu, Shansi.
Jan. 28th, 1896.

Rev. Judson Smith D. D.,
Sec. of Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

Your kind and encouraging letter of Nov. 21st just received. We have ceased to have any immediate concern for our personal safety for some time past. We have never had any special fear of the common people except as they were incited by the high officials. It is however too early to say that the official class have fully made up their mind as to the unwisdom of striking a blow now and then at those who [illegible] but steadily undermining their ancient institutions. This is not to be wondered at.

Col. Denby, in response to our request, sent us a very courteous and vigorous reply, in which he sketched the efforts he had made in regard to the whole affair and in which he declared his intention

to secure our personal safety by all the means at his command.

We have not lost a wink of sleep nor been moved an inch out of the even tenor of our work during the entire time. This I speak in reference to our own mission and also, so far as I know, it is true of all Christian workers in the interior.

In order to hint at the present state of affairs in the Empire, it has come to our personal knowledge through a helper of Dr. Atwood's who was for some little while in the Yamen of a Fu magistrate at Qin-lin, far to the North of [illegible] that (the Fu magistrate) was constantly in receipt of telegrams from the Central Government at Pekin to the effect that the Japanese were still unsuccessful in their attack on Formosa. And this several months after the Japanese had taken possession! The helper thought that the magistrate was beginning to lose faith in the telegrams but that the under officials

still believed in them. There is but one daily paper in Chinese taken by the better class in Shansi. This is published in Shanghai. I saw it in the Cash shop in Taiku. The proprietors often spoke of it as not telling the facts about foreign affairs. So it comes about that high and low, rich and poor get the truth very slowly and very much adulterated.

Dr. Atwood's opium refuge work has seemed to bear unusual fruit this last month or two. More than thirty men have given him their names upon leaving the refuge, as adherents to the Gospel. They declare their intention to put away idolatry, worship [illegible] study [illegible] entire number of probationers here [illegible] about forty. We are sending out an invitation to a two weeks season of bible study and series of preaching services to begin the last of February. We earnestly hope & pray that their intention may be greatly helped & strengthed and that there may result a great enlargement of the work here

It gives me great pleasure to say that the girls boarding school has been a very substantial success. Seven girls have been in constant attendence. They have all finished the first book in the course of study & made a good beginning on the second. There has been good harmony and good will among them and they have seemed to be eager to make progress. Total cost for three months term $20.00.

We have opened a book shop in the South Suburb which will result in a good understanding with the people in that quarter of the city. There are one or two families who may be considered adherents in the sense that they are willing to be taught in their homes and there [redacted]

[redacted] attendence at the Sunday services at the Chapel on Bro. Price's place for some months now. The room is crowded from week to week.

For all these indications we are very thankful and take courage.

Faithfully Yours,

E. R. Atwater.

From Chou Fu, Jan. 28, 1896.
Rec'd March 25.

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
March 6th, 1896.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

We have had both sad and joyful experiences during the past month. It was with sorrow that we learned that Stuart Price was afflicted with a probably incurable disease and that by the advice of Drs. Wilson and Hewitt of the C. I. M. and Dr. Atwood of our station, Bro. & Sister Price will return to America within a few days. It seems very strange in a boy of his years & general vigor to have three doctors agree in a diagnosis of Diabetes [illegible] seems to be no other explanation of his present state of ill health. Stuart is now quite reduced in flesh altho he has an insatiable appetite and has lost his old energy, which was quite well known in the mission. The other distinctive marks of Diabetes Mellitus are all present and seem to leave no room for doubt.

After receiving your letter asking them to reconsider

their request for leave of absence, they had decided to stay out their full time but this has again changed the situation. We all feel it a great loss to the work, to us and to themselves. We only trust that the way will be opened for their return within a short time.

The boys school which they leave is steadily growing and attracting a better class of people from year to year. We would all be very sorry to see it closed and at a station meeting this week, the work was put into my hands for the present. This seems the only way but the work of the station cannot be all done. We will however do a day's work every day that the Lord may remember to bless us in Frankfort.

The [illegible] of joy besides the visible improvement of the school has been the series of meetings held the last two weeks of February. There being about forty people this year who have become interested in the doctrine and who have declared themselves to be inquirers, we sent out invitations asking them to assemble after their New Years, for a season of study of the doctrine.

About twenty five of these came. Meetings were held three times a day, morning, afternoon and evening. The morning meeting was given to a catechism of the doctrine, the afternoon to the study of Character, for the help of those who could not read, and the evening to the study of a book by Dr. Nevins, "First Lesson for Converts."

The two weeks seemed to result in much good. Those who were quick to learn made great progress both in answering questions and, some in learning to read. Others, some six or eight, were very slow and could scarcely make any progress altho they tried as hard as the rest. It probably will come to them later on.

Among these there were four who had been inquirers [illegible] understand and to have an earnest desire to testify their faith in Christ before men. We felt that we could safely receive them as Christian brethren and so on March 1st, at the Sunday evening service, these four were baptized. They were all heads of families and we feel that the Lord has begun to answer the prayers that have

been raised for the Church in Fenchowfu. There are others who seem to have a similar purpose and we may hope for other additions here from time to time.

If I understand the situation as expressed in your letter about appropriations for the ensuing year, the amount deducted from salaries is given to the work i.e. comparing the total amounts appropriated to the Mission for 1895 & 1896. The amounts are practically the same in both cases and the number of families on the field is the same. I think this will not cause special difficulty in the mission since many were taking as much as this out of their salary to put into the work. If the salary is cut down they will not be able to give so much. It does come with special weight upon some who came out [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] extra economy to be rid of it.

Believing that the work of the Mission will bear fruit from year to year,

I remain,

Faithfully yours,

E. R. Atwater

Fenchow-fu, March 6, 1896
Recd May 1

Fenchoufu, Shansi.
April 22nd, 1896.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Secretary of the Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

I send you this mail by registered letter all the reports & documents relating to the 14th Annual Meeting of the Shansi Mission held in this city the past week. This includes the report of the Committee on Estimates, made out upon the new blanks and also a full copy of the minutes including the Resolutions. The resolutions, relating to the purchase of property are important as they voice the mind of the mission after reflecting upon the subject for several years. We trust that they shall not fail to receive your attention and that of the Prudential Committee in due course.

The 14th Annual Meeting of the Mission was fully up to the good standard set by the meetings of the past three years and more. We can all testify to the spiritual

uplift that it has given us and as you can plainly see by the reports there is enough of visible progress to give us all ample encouragement in the work of the coming year.

We have such amount of good courage on hand that the sudden and unforeseen removal of Bro. Price and his family from the work does not keep us from going heartily forward in spite of such a severe loss to the work as this involves. He was doing steady, faithful and well directed work which was making many friends. We shall wait in hope of his return at no great lenth of time. Bro. G. W. Price is remarkable for his unvarying good temper. He is a model to us all for consecration and back of sharp angles. He should not be lost sight of and forgotten.

Miss M. L. Cartridge makes this year the first distinctive report on Woman's work inside the history of the mission. This is but a beginning but it is a much needed work.

It is my duty as Secretary to call your attention to the fact that the Mission did not adopt the report of Dr. Wm. L. Hall. The especial objection was directed against his request for an appropriation to purchase property at Li Man. As he was unfortunately absent from the meeting, it was thought best to send in the report as it stood.

We were glad to welcome Bro. & sister Clapp back to their place & work in the mission. We trust that they may be preserved to their work for many years.

The report to be made by the Special Com. appointed to represent the needs of Taiku for an especial appropriation will be forwarded later.

The work of the Mission has just reached the stage when the lack of funds will seriously affect us. We trust that we shall not only be willing to give ourselves to the work but to sacrifice more of the personal comforts of life than we have yet done if this be necessary.

We trust that the faithfulness of all those engaged in the work, and the loss involved in retrenchment may ever prove a sufficient reason for large and unfaltering giving on the part of all those who look forward to the triumph of the Church of Jesus Christ in the world.

Believe me as ever,
faithfully yours,
E. R. Atwater,
Sec. Shansi Mission

Rec'd Jan. 11th

Yü tao hê, Shansi.
Aug. 25th, 1896.

Dr. Judson Smith,
Sec. of Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

We are now at the close of a very helpful and enjoyable summer's rest. As a family we have had better health during this heated term than during any of the previous years. This is doubtless partly owing to the cooler air of this valley in the foot hills. We very much appreciate this retreat and are exceeding thankful that we and our children can be here.

I have not attempted to carry on touring this summer as I felt that it would be much better for the work of the coming fall and winter to have the rest.

I taught through the Spring term of the Fen chou fu Boys school, which

Bro. Price had to leave so abruptly almost without a moment's warning after the boys were already assembled. The term closed with a full number on the place about the first of June. At that time I fully expected to carry the work along until Bro. Price should return, although as far as my personal inclinations would lead at present, I would prefer the evangelistic work.

To my surprise on asking the treasurer of our Mission for a statement of the amount on hand available for the rest of the year, he said that there was less than one hundred dollars. This amount was further reduced because of the collapse of the roof of the school room. This occured through the defective work of a mason that Bro. Price had relied upon. After this was repaired, there was about $40.00 left, in order to carry on the school the rest of the year.

I would gladly advance the money out of my own funds if it were possible at this time. But you know how we are all situated. It is impossible. Moreover unless more funds are forth coming Dr. Atwood will close up his medical work, which I consider would be a very great calamity. If there is not money enough to carry on the whole of our work by all means keep up the medical work. Nearly our whole gain this past two years has been the direct result of this work.

I therefore decided not to carry on the school the coming year. This has cost me a considerable degree of anxiety. It suspends the operation of a valuable work. It will not be pleasant to report to the Annual meeting or to yourself and it will very much grieve Bro. Price, who has set a great deal by the school.

However there were no boys in the school who seemed likely in any near

future to be available as helpers.

I also wish to state, lest I might leave a wrong impression, that the lack of funds was not due to my spending an undue amount of money during the time I was carrying on the school. There had been extra expenses the year before which were left to be paid this year, the appropriation for the last year or two had been reduced and I understand that Bro. Price has been accustomed to give liberally of his salary to the school to make up the deficit.

There is too much work here now to be carried on by us who are left with any degree of success, should the school be continued. The patients in the hospital ought to be instructed and the probationers & converts established in the faith. Much more touring ought to be done. These are the kinds of work that have yielded the best results of late and are what we hope to see good results from this Fall & Winter.

Thanking you for your kind letter of March 25th and hoping to have word from you soon in regard to the Annual Meeting reports,

I am,
faithfully yours,
E. R. Atwater.

Recd Oct. 26.

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
Oct. 26th, 1896.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.,
Sec. of Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

Your letter of July 2nd acknowledging the receipt of annual meeting reports and other documents and also your letter by last courier containing the report of the committee on special appropriations for building mission premises have both been received & duly forwarded to the rest of the mission. While we at Fenchowfu feel that a chapel is necessary to the work here and rejoice that the Board can see its way to grant the appropriation, yet we cannot but feel very strongly the greater needs of the people at Taiku. They are indeed cramped in every way. Only true missionaries could hold on under their adverse surroundings.

During the week beginning Oct 13th, we opened a shop at the fair for the sale of Christian & scientific books. This fair was

held while the examinations of young men for Hsin tsai (A.B.) was being held. The Provincial Literary Chancelor comes from Tai Ngüen fu to preside over it. Dr. Atwood had procured from Shang hai two thousand copies of some monthlies, "The Review of the Times", "The Boy's Own" &c. These with samples of other books we placed on sale with gratifying results. In six days of sales we took in about $10.00 mexican which considering the fact that the most of the books sold were only 1 cent or 1½ cents per copy means a large number of sales and a consequent wide distribution of our wares. A whole bible was sold, a rare thing now in Shansi, several copies of Gospels, one Pinetrical primer & small catecism. One young man paid $1.00 for a Natural Philosophy! One who knows how difficult it has been to sell books here in Shansi during the past few years will appreciate the amount of the sales. Most of our distribution has been by giving them away. But one can-

not deny that there is of late some stirring among the dry bones. We could have sold many arithmetics and geographys to the young aspirants for office but had not supplied ourselves with them. The demand arises because the decree of the Emperor that Western sciences be included in the examinations is just beginning to take effect. They expect that questions may now be asked at any time in Arithmetic and Geography. This has been done elsewhere but not as yet in Shansi. We did sell a few second hand geographys that had been used in the boys' school and young men of twenty years or so were glad to get the information that is taught in our primary schools at home. These are the young men that look forward to a public office.

It may not be news to you that a Mr. Jameson of Tientsin, an American, has secured from the Governor of Shansi the contract for a rail road from the coast to Tai yuen fu. We have word that he is now at the latter place and we expect to entertain him here at Fenchou fu

now at any time. He comes here to take measurements of coal mines for the purpose of putting in pumps. There are in this region many rich coal mines abandoned because they are filled with water. The mine owners of two or three have decided to put in foreign machinery and have sent for him. They have been very anxious about it. Should a rail road and foreign machinery be introduced, our conditions would be materially changed. As it has been I have seen no foreigner since I left Tientsin, except our fellow missionaries. Dr. Atwood in 15 years has had a similar experience. But we should go right on for another generation as we have done, if no change is decreed. We do not depend on any outside support. There is enough in the work to support us apart from any direct contact with our kindred, our friends or our countrymen. We feel the separation but can endure it.

Faithfully yours
E. R. Atwater.

Received Dec. 22.
No 374

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
Dec 7th 1896.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of the Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

The telegram sent from here, Nov. 25th, announcing the death of my wife, I trust you received without fail. The event came upon us with a rapidity that leaves us like those who have suffered shipwreck. We are like the survivers of a rail road accident. Our fourth child, Bertha Bowen Atwater, was born Nov 13th. Dr. Atwood left us during the day, saying the case had been perfectly normal. Mrs. Atwater still retained a very large measure of strength and although planning to fulfil all the requirements of the occasion, yet she spoke of herself as feeling strong enough to care for the child that day.

She had unfortunately contracted a severe cold in the head & throat two weeks previous which had not had time to disappear; but we were confident that by due care this would not prove detrimental. Nor are we at all sure that this was the cause.

Three days passed. Still we anticipated nothing but a happy recovery. So much so that Mrs. Atwood who had for some time planned to visit Paikin felt that she could safely leave us and did so on the fourth day with our full consent. Miss Bird was able to do all that was needed.

On the afternoon of the fourth day, we took her temperature more to make sure than for any special symptoms and noted a fever of 101°. We immediately advised Dr. Atwood, who sent over fever drops. By evening the fever was gone and there was perspiration. The next day & the next there was a slight fever and also a cough developed, slight at first. There were no other symptoms. No pain anywhere & no chill.

Suddenly on the 20th, we found a fever of 104°. The 21st, Friday, she was in a semi-stupor all day. On Sat. she appeared better. Dr. Atwood made use of quinine & alcohol during this period to arrest the fever. Sunday we sent for Dr. Hall but with the feeling that he would come too late. He arrived Thursday evening at 9 o'clock. We had given up all hope but we were glad to let him make a last effort in her behalf. But I speedily saw that it was impossible to give her recovery. She passed

away at 2 o'clock A. M. Wednesday morning. Nov 25
She left no last messages as we felt averse to telling her our fears at the time when quiet would perhaps turn the scale. I doubt if she knew she was in a critical condition. Her death was most peaceful and her sickness was almost painless.

The entire mission are in mourning and the other missionaries on the plain mourn with us. I do not need to tell you what a loss we have sustained, as you knew her and know the needs of her family and the work.

I would gladly stay right here and care for the children and carry on the work but it is beyond my power. These four little girls must be taken to a safer place. I have the advice of the mission verbally and will have it in writing that I take them home in the Spring. Mr. Davis & family & Miss Bird will be companions & helpers.

My present plan is to find a home for them with our relatives, doubtless at Rev. C. R. Pond's, and shortly return here to help in the Fenchow fu work. Both my years of preparation

and my inclinations point that way. But I shall need to be guided by the circumstances as they arise during the coming year.

Mrs. Atwood will take charge of the baby during the winter. We have most fortunately secured a good Chinese wet-nurse, who is giving great satisfaction and the little one is thriving.

I will remain on the place with the three children. I shall be able to do some preaching and teaching but it will be, of course, reduced by the exigencies of the case & the necessity of arranging for the goods and the journey.

Our work is growing. Yesterday as I preached to a room full of men, I felt it; and it gave me such a sense of joy and gratitude. This gospel is for the Chinese. It is too holy, too strange, too good for their imagination to grasp at first or their faith to fasten upon. But the day of their redemption draws near. They are steadily being drawn by the light & love and truth and hope. They cannot but trust in the Saviour of the World.

I am, in sorrow,
faithfully yours,
E. R. Atwater.

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Fenchowfu, Shansi.

Dec. 8th, 1896.

Rec'd Feb. 20-97

To the members of the Shansi Mission,

Dear Friends,

Since it has been the ordering of Divine Providence to remove from in midst my beloved wife, I hereby make request for leave of absence that I may place my children in a place of safety in America. All the members of the Mission who are in favor of making the request of the Prudential Committee, please sign below.

Fraternally yours,

E. R. Atwater.

Affirmative.

J. J. Atwood.

G. L. Williams.

D. H. Clapp.

W. L. Hall.

F. W. Davis.

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Pen chow fu, Shansi.
Dec. 30th, 1896.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of the Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

Although I thought it best on the whole to ask permission to return to America in the spring yet I have been planning to stay if possible. Our work calls for it, my own heart inclines to stay and the two younger children are so small that they are better here than on a long journey. So when Dr. and Mrs. Atwood saw that I was determined to stay if possible they have freely and gladly offered to help care for the two younger children for a year or so. This means an expenditure of much thought and work on Mrs. Atwood's part. But she is willing to take it upon herself in order to keep one more worker on the field. I trust that her zeal may be rewarded.

The two older children I will entrust

to the care of Mr. & Mrs. Rhaors and Miss Bird to take back to their grandparents, Rev. C. N. Pond, in Oberlin. They are seven and five respectively and are old enough to go into school. They can be cared for there quite easily.

I trust that this arrangement will fully meet your approval. My health is good. I do not need a rest or change yet. I am just coming of age, as you might say, as a missionary and want to use the language I have spent time to acquire. I cannot understand the Providence that has taken away my wife at this time but this does not prevent me from wishing to go right on where I have begun.

There is a steady increase in the number of our probationers. We are having additions every few days. We desire to test them thoroughly but it cannot but mean that we shall have a real and true following in the near future: Men who, though unlettered, still are independent of us financially and

understand enough of the Gospel of Grace to save themselves and to be a light to their various communities. And that is what several are doing. They are bringing in their friends and neighbors to break off opium, and to believe the gospel. I can only say, "Praise be to God!"

We have had the unusual sight of a Buddhist priest in the opium refuge lately. He has conducted himself in a very commendable fashion while listening to a teaching destructive to his present calling. He admitted to me without reservation that he had no faith in the idols and said that he did not believe he could forgive sins by reading prayers to Buddha. As he makes his living by it, this was a serious admission on his part. He said also that if he could get any other way of livelihood, he would turn Christian. We have exhorted him to choose the right way and trust that he may witness a good confession before men.

A case to show how the Gospel takes root. A plain farmer called on me the other day and

without further parley, asked to be taken on probation. I had never mett him and asked how he came to his present decision. He said that he had heard Rev. M. L. Stimpson preach and had been to church twice, But he says he took down his idols at that time and has never worshiped since. I asked him why he had not come to church since. He said he did not know anybody else and was afraid to come. I assured him we were all alike. I told him I would not take him on probation until he had worshiped with us a few times and he had got started in the right path. But as he came to church the next Sunday and others then spoke well of him we took him on at that time. I trust we have here a true though very simple hearted disciple.

We have also seemed to feel that the local magistrate was rather turning against us in a recent case at the Yamen but it may turn out in our favor, as it not fully decided yet.

Yours faithfully,
E. R. Atwater.

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Recd March 18, '97.

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
Feb. 9th, 1897.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of the Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

I am receipt of two communications from you by to-day's courier, dated respectively, Nov. 7th & Nov. 18th. The first contained a statement of the appropriations for 1897 and the second a copy of the report of the sub-committee on China in regard to mission premises at Peiking. These documents I will forward in due course to the several stations of the mission.

The necessity which compels the continued reduction of salaries this year will help to give us a realizing sense of what others are suffering in far greater measure in other missions of the Board. We have no native force which is suffering from lack of funds. It may be that by a policy of self support we may never be placed in that condition.

Fenchowfu, Dec. 30, 1896

Since I have decided to remain here upon the field, by Mrs. Atwood's help, I will inquire whether there is any rule about my salary under my present conditions. If there is such a rule I shall be glad to abide by it, only I will make this <u>very urgent request</u> that whatever amount is deducted from my salary, be transferred to the benefit of our depleted medical work. We are making our gains through this work and it needs more funds.

However, should there be no such rule, I feel like asking that no decision be taken immediately in my case as I am owing to the fact that I came out to the mission field in debt & have not yet paid in full, in debt, and in sending Ernestine & Mary to Oberlin to be cared for, I am not yet able to say what expenses will be incurred.

We are now in the midst of our meeting with church members and probationers. There are about thirty present and they will study the gospel together for ten days. We have a morning meeting at ten o'clock, then a recitation hour in which they repeat what they have com-

mitted the previous day; then they study and drink tea in the early afternoon. They have the second of their two meals a day at about four in the afternoon. In the evening there is a gospel service. This year Dr. Atwood has the use of Mr. Williams's magic lantern. This they are always glad of.

Some of the probationers show a very determined purpose to lite a new life and have changed greatly in many ways since we began to work with them as opium sots. We have those who know characters teach those who do not, two scholars for each teacher this year and, Oh, how hard work it is for some of them to get five characters. Others learn rapidly. At the close of the meetings several will be baptized.

The Annual Meeting of the Mission has been set for Feb 28th. If held later, so many would be unable to be present, it was thought best to make the change.

The party of those returning from Shanghai this year, Rev. & Mrs. F. W. Davis, Miss Bord

& my two children are planning to sail from Shanghai, Apr. 30th via the Canadian Pacific steamer.

My children and myself are as well as usual. We have been unusually well this winter.

Trusting that this will find you in health and strength and rejoicing in this wonderful work of regeneration,

I remain,

faithfully yours,

E. R. Atwater.

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Fenchowfu, Shansi.
Feb. 20th, 1897.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of the Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

Our station class which closed this week was a success in many ways, in attendance, in spirit, in work done and last but not least in self support. At the close of the meetings a subscription, list of those willing & able to help defray the cost was opened and almost the entire amount was raised on the spot. This substantial ~~testimony~~ of their appreciation of the gospel and of the opportunity to meet together and study it, gives us great joy.

During the progress of the meetings, we felt that there were at least ten of those on probation who were ready for baptism. This number were examined on Sat. Feb 13th and on Sunday, were accordingly baptized. This is the largest number yet received at one time at Fen chowfu. They are all of them above twenty

Fen chow fu, Shansi. Feb. 20, 1897.

years of age, the most of them heads of families. Their wives only need the help of some Christian woman to be brought into a knowledge and fellowship with the Savior. This is a great lack in the work at this time.

But many things seem to emphasize the fact that we are entering upon a larger work. There are a number of promising men on probation now and others are being added.

One indication should be mentioned. The boys boarding school was not opened in the fall for several reasons. But there were several of our probationers & Church members who were evidently at a loss what to do with their children. They did not wish them to attend the native schools, and there was no other school convenient. At their earnest request we have consented to open the boarding school on the following conditions. They are to pay the <u>entire</u> cost of their food & a half of the cook's wages; we will furnish the teacher but they are to board him themselves.

We will teach nothing in the school but Christian books and the common branches, arithmetic, geography and the like. These conditions they are glad to accept and say that about a dozen boys will be on hand in a few days. We have limited the number to fifteen at present for lack of accommodations.

Paikin, Shansi.

Feb 26th. Since writing the above, we came on to Paikin. The two days of the trip were cool but not unpleasant and we were benefited by the out door air. The Annual Meeting begins Sunday, the 28th. After two weeks or so we will begin our overland journey to the coast. Ernestine & Mary whom I am sending back to Oberlin are well also Celia & Bertha whom Mrs. Atwood is so kindly caring for. The friends are all doing their utmost to help me in this unexpected and bitter experience.

The last mail brings the word from Jennie's parents of the mistake in sending the telegram. I had some fears that a mistake had been

made by the friend who sent it but could not be sure. For some reason, known only to himself, he send the message from P'ing yao (the nearest telegraph station to Fenchoufu) to Mrs. Hilder in Tientsin using a <u>private</u> code which she did not understand & could not understand. The message as originally written by Dr. Hall was full & explicit. She sent the message as she received it & as you received it. Not until two weeks afterwards did we know about the mistake & even then had some hope that you might know of the code.

Trusting that the preaching of God's word will bear fruit in all lands,

I remain,

faithfully yours,

E. R. Atwater.

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Rec'd Apr. 16.
Ans. Apr. 20, 1897.

Li Man, Shansi.
Mar. 11th, 1897.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of the Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

The Annual meeting of the Shansi Mission — the fifteenth — began on Sunday, Feb 28th, with the preaching of the annual sermon and closed on Thursday Mar. 4th. Only four out of the six members on the field were able to be present. Dr. Atwood remained at Fenchowfu on account of my two little ones, fearing that the extra care might prove too much for Mrs. Atwood and Dr. Hall was kept away by the illness of his little Lois. She has since improved. Although but four were present yet some important work was done and the most encouraging reports to which the mission has ever listened were read & approved. I forward them to you you by this mail — the first one since the meeting — and I trust they will receive your interested attention. Dr. Hall's medical report will be sent you in printed form.

Am Board
Shansi
Mar. 1897

It is our heart's desire that the coming years may see the realization of the hopes we now entertain of the growth of the work. If so then the kingdom of God has been actually established in Shansi beyond the power of man to root it out. We have never been so hopeful during the five years of my life here.

Self support is emphasized in the Resolutions adopted by unanimous vote. The year past has seen several important steps taken to this end and there will be others taken in the years to come. If the present lack of funds will compel all the Board's missions to take this step, it may be that God's will in this matter will be worked out. I say this as the voice of our mission on the Subject.

The most trying ordeal of the mission meeting was the refusal to vote appropriations for buying & building at Jen Psun. You will probably have this brought to your attention by others. It may seem that the mission is acting in a peculiar manner in now refusing what it has once

or rather several times agreed to. But you doubtless understand how a mission is by courtesy compelled to do things for individual members at their request which it would not initiate if left to itself. This is the case at Jen Tsun. The one who opened Jen Tsun did so at his own instigation and the mission gave him permission to try. But the passing years have not satisfied the mission that Jen Tsun is properly situated in relation to the rest of the field & to the best location of its members. Its present refusal to vote funds is therefore significant indeed. We trust that as this vote is unanimous excepting those who are now there, that they may be led to see things eye to eye with the rest of the mission and adopt a course in conformity to it. What the mission desires is the openening of a station on the north side of the plain between Pai Ku & Fen Chow fu about a day's journey from each one. This would enable us to ~~[illegible]~~ have a much wider influence in this region than we can have with its present arrangement.

Either one to the North or one to the East among the mountains. Either would be preferable to the present situation, which is one rather of congestion around Taiku than of proper distribution, and leads to more or less friction.

The telegram announcing to us the decision of Mr. & Mrs. Price to return to Shansi this year we were heartily glad to receive. I have now decided to put my two oldest children into the little school of two (Mr. Hall's children) under the charge of Miss Graham here in Li Man. She has shown herself accomplished & competent and I feel that it is the best plan of all. This will allow me to go on with my work and keep all my children on the field too, a success which I attribute to God's answer to my prayers. He has been exceedingly good to me and I am willing to put more trust in him year by year.

Praying for a blessing upon the American Board and upon yourself,

I remain,

faithfully yours,

E. R. Atwater

Li Man, March 11, 1897.
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Pientsin, China.
April 15th, 1897.

Dr. Judson Smith,
Sec. of Am. Board,

Dear Friend,

Your letter
sympathy to me on hearing of
y loss I very gratefully ac-
nowledge. The friends in
e mission have helped me
a remarkable degree as you
ind they would.

By the advice of Dr.
wood and the permission
the mission, I came down
the coast with the Davis family
Miss Bird for change & rest.
have already received much
nefit from the trip and shall

To Mary Lord Smith, March 15, 1897.

continue to do so. I hope to visit our mission stations in Shantung & return in time to attend the annual meeting of the North China Mission at Pei Chou.

I send by this mail also two addition annual reports made at the last meeting of the mission & also an appeal for an appropriation for Pai Ku. I trust this last will receive careful attention as it tries to meet some of the points that have been raised.

Very faithfully,
I am yours,
E. R. Atwater

Rev. E. R. [illegible]

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Pung Chow, China.
June 1st 1897.

Mr. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of Am. Board,
Dear Sir,

I have had two letters from you relating to my decision to remain in China. I appreciate your words of encouragement very much.

I am just preparing to return to Shansi after a very successful and profitable trip to all the stations of the North China mission except the one to the North - Kalgan.

It is a most instructive thing to consult with those who are successfully working out the problems of the evangelization of China, to visit them in their homes and to make their faces familiar. To those of us who are farther from foreign influence, it is a great privilege to feel once more in touch with the movement of the Western world, as it manifests itself in Tientsin. I shall return to Shansi with a renewed purpose to

apply myself more successfully to the work.

The Annual meeting at Pung Chow has been one of great spiritual power. The prayer meetings have brought us very near to the source of power. Many have testified that they have lately come to a much deeper realization than ever before of spiritual realities. Not only the younger members of the mission but also those who have seen long years of service make the same testimony.

We were all very glad to feel that Mr. & Mrs. Pitkin bear about with them this same consecration that we all so much desire. I believe that they will prove very valuable workers in Pao ting fu.

I was permitted to sit with the mission at its business sessions and they too were noticably free from friction. Some very important decisions were arrived at after much discussion and passed with unanimous votes, which, had there been cross purposes at work, would have quite failed to carry. Such for instance as the removing of the Press to Tientsin. This I may say, I was heartily in favor of and

that it will prove the beginning of a larger and more helpful auxiliary to mission work. Mr. Mateer also has the qualities which fit him to assume the duties of treasurer and business agent at Pekin, a post which has been difficult to provide for since Mr. Bostwick returned to America. The Shansi mission has also missed his valuable service very much.

I will not attempt any history of my trip but will say that I feel that the work of the North China mission is by no means equally successful. The work at P'ang chuang as you can easily see by the statistics far excells the rest in the evangelistic work in several important particulars. The other stations have not developed the idea of self support so fast, some have not really adopted it. Some very strong expressions were made in the mission meeting relating to those who had not put into practice the policy of the mission as expressed two years ago in their desire to have scholars in the day schools pay something towards the support of the schools. Some are afraid to adopt it fearing that it

will close the schools but the point is made that it is better not to have schools than to have so many where they make no effort at self support. Few or none ever join the church and simply use the schools as a cheap way of getting a business education. The mission is now prepared to compel the hesitating ones to take the step by refusing to vote any estimates for them until this point is put right. But the work is every where growing and bearing fruit. It has been very helpful to me & I shall return better prepared to do the evangelistic work which I so much desire to see pushed.

I desire to remain,

Very truly yours,

E. R. Atwater.

Rec'd Jan. 1 1902

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
Aug. 17th, 1897.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. of Am. Board,
Dear Friend,

I trust you will feel in sympathy with me when I tell you of my engagement to Miss Lizzie Graham of the independent mission of Paiyüenfu & Sho-w-yang. I have informed Mr. & Mrs. Pond of what has occurred and they have answered me most beautifully, in a manner that reveals very clearly the love that they have long had for me and which the departure of their beloved daughter has not chilled. I can never cease to look upon them as less than father & mother.

Miss Graham was looked upon as a very promising member of her mission and has already greatly endeared herself to our Shansi mission. She is scotch-Irish by birth; born in Newry, Co. Down, Ireland, July 1st, 1870, & a member of the old scotch Covenanter church.

She came out to China with the purpose of engaging in mission work if she felt she was fitted to do so. Although she has been teaching, she has made good progress in the language and will be able to take her place with the other ladies in the work of the mission.

Before I spoke to her she had decided that she wished to become a missionary in China.

In answer to her statement of her engagement to me, the Shou Yang Mission, in the person of Mrs. Bigott, asks that her passage money be returned. They do not ask for the return of her salary as she has not been employed directly in mission work. However you realize that her nearly two years of experience in this country is quite valuable.

They also indicate that her future support be assumed by the Shansi Mission & the Board.

We now plan to be married next-

year in the fall in order to give time for all arrangements to be made, though if best it can be earlier in the year. In view of the fact that she has time to study in addition to her teaching, I would ask that the Am. Board assume a part of her salary for the coming year beginning July 1st 1897 and ending June 31st 1898. By special arrangement, while Mr. Pigott & family were at home on vacation Mr. Hall paid $100.00 of her expenses & Mr. Pigott made up the balance, $50.00. When I placed Ernestine & Mary at Li Man, I agreed to assume the $150.00 of her salary.

I would ask therefore that the Board assume this $150.00 of salary until the time indicated above. This seems to be a fair representation of what time can actually be spent in preparation for her work.

I can say that the mission are giving me their full approval in what has occurred and are doing all in their

power to help me during this time of especial trial in the break up of my family. Dr. and Mrs. Atwood are willing to help in the care of the younger children during the coming winter and I think I am sure of help from Mr. & Mrs. Price on their return. We are waiting for them & hope they will return with health & strength & courage for much work.

The passage money, $200.00, can be placed to the credit of Rev. P. W. Pigott through the North China Mission Treasurer at Tientsin.

I trust that as you come to know Miss Graham better you will feel with myself and others that it is one of those special providences which has guided to such a happy event. I cannot but feel however that the course of our lives is often quite beyond our comprehension. Such was the event of last November. A thunder bolt from a clear sky.

I desire to remain,
Ever yours,
E. R. Atwater.

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Recd Oct. 9

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
Aug. 27th, 1897.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.,
Sec. of Am. Board,

Dear Dr. Smith,

I am in receipt of your letter of May 7th in which you speak of my keeping my two oldest children in China and also concerning the action of the mission in regard to Jen Psun.

I wish to assure you that the mission wishes to do nothing inconsiderate and I feel that when its action is fully understood that it will not seem so to you. This one thing I am sure of, that Bro. Thompson is still as free to occupy Jen Psun as before. The mission declined to vote a resolution asking for money to build. Such a resolution I believe it has never yet voted. Resolutions asking for money to buy and repair have been voted several times. This action the mission feels still was a conservative and wise act because it does not think Jen Psun

Fen Chow-fu, China, Aug. 27, 1897

is rightly situated in reference to the older station Taiku. There has always been more or less objection to Jen Tsun on this ground from the time that Mr. Thompson decided to go there in 1891 of which he can scarcely fail to be aware.

As it stands now, with Mr. Hall in Li Man, Mr. Thompson & Mr. Davis in Jen Tsun & Mr. Clapp & Mr. Williams in Taiku, the mission has men in three places within a radius of eight miles of each other; Jen Tsun being 45 li (15 miles) from Taiku, N.E.; & Li Man 25 li (8 miles) from Taiku, E.; & Jen Tsun 35 li (12 miles) from Li Man, N. Then Chowfu is 160 li (53 miles) West from Taiku. It is to be hoped that this crowding of stations will not be permanent. Under present conditions it seems that stations should not be closer together than one day's journey, 25 to 30 miles (75 to 90 li). This gives a very convenient arrangement for mutual support and intercourse. Then too our mission ought to cover more territory. It is hemmed in on ~~the North~~ by the C. I. M. & Eng. Bapt. and South, and should strike out more.

In view of all this what shall we do? Is it not fair to say this, Let Bro. Thompson

rest content with what the mission was & still is willing to concede at Jen Bum or if he hopes to build up a full station, let him select a place with which the mission shall be in full accord.

In reply to your letter of March 22nd 1897. in regard to the revision of the estimate for salaries I cannot say that there is any change in the minds of the mission on the subject. The question was discussed at annual meeting and the amount that has always been considered a fair support was & is, I feel, through the the experience of a two year's reduction more firmly held than ever. We are not paid salaries and so this cannot be determined by the law of supply & demand. However let the amount paid missionaries be compared with the salaries of the ministers & educational workers in the home land and it must seem evident that the salaries as fixed are fair salaries, not large & and not small. Some missionaries on the field could command much larger salaries at home and some could not command so much. I feel that the salaries paid the C. & M.

and Christian alliance workers are not right. It makes them suffer unnecessary hardships. Some of their number have had to subsist upon potatoes for months and even have come to the point of receiving aid from the Chinese because their money was all spent. A large number of these devoted men & women in trying to live like the Chinese have lost their lives. The Chinese have reduced poverty to a science and we Westerners cannot compete. I have lived here five years and I confess to ignorance as to how multitudes get along. It is mysterious. Have they nine lives like a cat? They seem to be able to make 3 go into 2 once & one over.

The question whether the present salary is a fair salary is one thing, the question whether in times of special emergency we bear our part of the burden is quite another. For my part I feel that the present salary is right and should be maintained & that if necessary we contribute a part. This latter plan would help us feel from time to time special financial pressures in the home land.

I desire to remain,
faithfully yours,
E. R. Atwater.

Ten-Chow-Fu, Aug. 27-97
Recd. Oct. 9

Fenchowfu, Shansi,
Dec. 13th, 1897.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.,
Sec'y of the Am. Board,
Dear Dr. Smith,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from you dated July 28th and one dated Sept. 24th. One of the two of July 28th contained the announcement of the appropriation of $1000.00 for the purchase of land at Taiku. This I immediately forwarded to them and they have doubtless written you of its receipt. The second was a letter referring cordially to my visit to the stations of the North China Mission & to the return of Mr & Mrs. Price & Mr. Thompson to their work.

Your favor of Sept. 24th contained copies of instructions from the Treasury department which I will make known to our missions.

Our work has moved steadily forward this fall. The completion of the chapel gave us great satisfaction as it does also the church members and probationers. We are waiting

for the building to dry out and be ready for occupation. This we hope will be in season for our Christmas gathering of the church, which custom we have had now for three years or more and to which we all look forward.

We have received as many as 30 to probation since Jan. this year, by far the largest number in the history of the station. They agree in being taken on probation to put away their idols & cease to worship ancestors; to worship the true God & to study the Gospel & attend church; & to cease from evil practices, especially the use of opium, & to live in hope of eternal salvation. Altho they know but little of the deeper truths & experiences of the Christian life, we are willing to take them on such a profession of faith to probation for a year or so, expecting them to make progress in the understanding & practice of the truth before they are admitted to baptism. We are glad to notice that altho many of them are poor & illiterate, yet nearly all have a few acres of land or an honorable business on which they are depending for livlihood. They come to use not because of hoping for pecun-

iary advantage – this phase of the work is passing away everywhere – but rather from a real appreciation of the truth & help in the Gospel message.

The Boys' Boarding school – which is nearly self supporting – opened this fall with the same number of pupils, 13, with which it commenced in the Spring. There is little doubt that it will in time grow to be as large as before. Mr. Price again took charge of it on his return.

Mr. Thompson has found it very difficult to see eye to eye with the mission in regard to Gen Bun. However after writing several letters and meeting with some of his fellow workers, he seems at least willing to reconsider. I think he will finally come to see as the rest do. I trust you will realize how hard it is for the members of the mission to oppose one of their number in this way. It is only at a personal sacrifice that they can make up their minds to do so. I feel sure that if the good of the mission be taken into consideration, the same decision

would be arrived at by outside parties.

By the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Price, the station is again fully manned but it is greatly in need of workers among the women. When can this great want be met? We have asked for lady helpers for several years. Has not the time come to send at least one lady to help us? There are scores of homes where such a worker would be welcomed.

On Nov. 1st we commenced Evening meetings with the opium patients & in patients. This we hope to maintain as here before during the entire winter - a sort of protracted meeting. This meeting is the source of most of our gains. It is certainly a powerful agent. During the day I meet them in friendly conference & in study of our christian books. Nearly all on the place have bought a primmer & a number of them commit a portion each day & recite to me in the afternoon. A number of these have never studied before. What a satisfaction to see them engaged in something that has power to

transform their lives.

The hospital is full and applications are constantly made ahead for vacancies as they occur. We need a seperate opium refuge & also a court for women. This we have also asked for for several years. A few hundred dollars would supply this that will make our work so much more effective. Dr. Atwood is in crying need of a drug room where he can prepare his medicines. As it is he has to do it in his study, where children have access & are constantly liable to pick up some poison.

Dr. & Mrs. Atwood are proving themselves friends indeed in thus caring for my children another winter. I occupy their upstairs guest room and take care of Celia & little Bertha sleeps downstairs with them. They both call Dr. & Mrs. A. papa & Mama and are quite happy & well.

I am planning to start for Pitkin next Wednesday to bring Ernestine & Mary & Edward Atwood back here for the Xmas holidays.

The little school at Dr. Hall's, conducted by Miss Graham, has been a happy one and the children have made great progress. So far as we can see, she plans to teach there until June and in the Fall we shall plan to go to the coast.

In this connection I desire to ask (Not more than the repair money but no such amount was asked for for 1898) for leave to spend a limited amount in making the Tai Lê Ch'iao place, where I have been living, a little brighter and more comfortable. Some of the brick floors need to be relayed hollow, as they are now quite damp; some (two) of the chimneys need to be relayed as they do not draw well and the walls (outside) need a coat of paint. In doing so I desire to be very sparing in the use of money, because I trust that the Board will be in condition to erect a house for us in the vicinity of Dr. Atwood & Mr. Price. It is a great disadvantage in many ways to be seperated from the other families & from the rest of the work.

Li Man. Dec. 20th

I am just in receipt of your favor of Oct. 20th

replying to my announcement of my engagement to Miss Graham. I appreciate your words in regard to this step very much.

I am glad you concur in my request that the passage money be returned to the Shou Yang mission by the Am. Board.

The question who is responsible for Miss Graham's support seems to be somewhat complicated by her engagement to me. What you state in regard to the policy of the Board I fully appreciate. I will state what you have told me to the Shou Yang mission and they will doubtless make it right with her. She is carrying out her original agreement with them and will do so until the time I mentioned next year.

She will make out all the necessary papers in order to become an assistant missionary under the Am. Board. Her piety and devotion grow upon me as I know her more perfectly.

I desire to remain,

Very truly yours,

E. R. Atwater

Fen-chow-fu, Dec. 13-1897

Recd Mch. 7-98

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
Feb. 16th, 1898.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Secy of Am. Board,
Dear Dr. Smith,

I understand through letters from Mr. Thompson that our fellow worker, Bro. Davis, still expects to return to the mission field. How can he or the Am. Board take the risk? To reappoint a man who has once been insane, tends to crush the mission.

I would also ask one more question, How can you ask a man to pass on his own sanity? I say this because your showing Bro. Davis, Dr. Atwood's letter has created intense feeling. It will now be difficult for Bro. Davis to live in peace on the mission field, for he feels that an attempt is being made to put him out.

This is not the case. But he thinks

so. This makes it so to him. How can you reappoint him when he feels so?

Dr. Atwood has written personally to Bro. Davis urging him not to take the risk. I trust he will accept the advice. The mission field is not the place where people can be easily cared for. Bro. Davis has once put his station under a fearful strain. Dr. Atwood has only written a small part of what occured. Why should he risk doing it again?

I write with all kindly feeling toward Bro. & Sister Davis. I should wish others to speak if I were in a similar case.

I desire to remain,

Very faithfully yours,

E. R. Atwater.

Written to Bro. Chamberlain Filed July 30 - 99

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
Feb. 26th, 1898.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec'y of Am. Board,
Dear Dr. Smith,

I have a gift to report to you. Mrs. Mary Castle of Honolulu sent me $300.00 to buy the summer resort - the old flour mill in the valley where Jennie spent her last summer. It is to be held as a memorial of her. I have just had word from the coast that the money has been put to my credit on the mission books. We have made use of the place so long and are so well satisfied with it that the purchase will doubtless be approved by you at the rooms.

The owners are not anxious to sell and we are willing to wait until they name a low figure. I have some doubt whether we can buy it this year or not.

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The places includes good land & many timber trees, so that we could find ready sale for it should we ever wish to part with it.

I have no previous experience in such matters but as the checks were made out in my name and were intended as a present to me and so to the mission, I have had them cashed and put on the books to my credit. The amount will be used for the purpose for which it was given and I will make it over to the Board. I trust she will also remember the work, in providing for some of the things we are still in need of at Fenchow fu.

There are at present a large number of opium patients on the place. They fill all the rooms & have filled the dispensary waiting room & we have to stand fast or the new church building would be filled also. Today a young man asked to be taken on probation. He made a manly statement of his desire & said that he knew he was a great sinner - a thing that not every one speaks of at first.

Dr. Atwood & Mr. Price and two delagates from the Church attended the Yearly Conference held at Tai Yüen fu. He will doubtless tell you the particulars. It helps to emphasize the fact that we have come to new days in Shansi. The Church is really taking root in many places. There are those now & not a few who pray for the prosperity of Zion.

At our communion service at the close of the annual meeting here in Fenchowfu, one young man was greatly moved by the breaking of the bread & the pouring of the cup in memory of Christ and wept audibly. He seems to have come to a strange new life.

It fills me with sadness that Bro & Sister Price feel that it will be best to leave Fenchowfu & open up a new work. Not but that it would be well for the mission to have the place opened but I wish that some one else might do it. It is doubtless owing to the fact that he is not fully in accord with Dr. Atwood & myself on the matter of self support. I had hoped that

we could go right on in spite of any such difference.

And this leads me to say that the fact that the Shansi mission has from the first had its attention directed to the matter of self support, should make some difference in the proportion of money given us and to those missions where self support has not been so fully held in mind. The money we ask for is not for the support of helpers — we are waiting for them to grow naturally — but for the bare necessities. Medicine & running expenses - coal & gate keepers' hire & the like. When our appropriation is cut in two, the cupboard is indeed bare. It does seem as though we might hope for a larger amount next year. One or two hundred dollars means a great deal to us.

I desire to remain,

Very truly yours,

E. R. Atwater.

Ten. Corresp. Feb. 26-Aug. 31 Filed July 30

Fen chow fu, Shansi.
March 1st 1898.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec'y of Am. Board,
Dear Friend,

Your letter of Dec. 29th just received by the coast courier. It announces to us what we have wished for so long - a visit from yourself. We greatly fear that you will find your time so limited that you cannot come. Although it is possible for you to travel in June, travel in July is out of the question on account of the rainy season. There are two courses open to you in visiting Shansi, One to come inland immediately upon arriving at Tientsin and visiting the stations of the North China Mission later or to come in to Shansi in June, prepared to remain with us over the rainy season. Which later course

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would give us all the help of your more extended visit and intercourse.

My last year's visit to the stations of the North China Mission is some what of an index of the time required. I was three months on the road from Shansi until my return. I did not spend nearly the time that you will wish to spend at the various places.

I am sure the whole mission would agree with me in saying that it will not be possible for you to start into Shansi the first of June & return to Pao ting fu before the rainy season. Two weeks from Paofu to Paikiu, two weeks with us, two weeks to return. This is the shortest possible time. Eight weeks would be better. It would be a great trial of strength for which rest should be given.

If then you wish to see us, a visit to all of the stations of the North China Mission will not be possible. Rather for your own sake, the visit should be planned as soon as possible after reaching Tientsin. You could

come in and return in time for the Annual Meeting of the North China Mission the last of May. This is of course the most important consideration. But the only way to visit Shansi is to do so in April & May. To come in June is to make a return before Sept. impossible.

I will send the letter to the Mission and we will wait with great hope that you will see your way to come immediately. We will do all in our power to make your visit to Shansi a season of refressing to ourselves and a source of satisfaction to yourself.

I desire to remain,
Very faithfully yours,
E. R. Atwater.

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Filed July 30

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
March 10th, 1898.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec'y Am. Board,
Dear Friend,
The enclosed resolution was received to day from Li Man. The mission does most heartily desire your presence in our midst and will do all in their power to help you to make a safe & comfortable journey. We trust that your plans may be successfully carried out and that your health & strength may be preserved throughout your journey.

We shall hope to hear from you by telegram at your earliest convenience that we may know how to plan.

I desire to remain,
Faithfully yours,
E. R. Atwater.

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Fenchowfu, Shansi.
March 15th 1898.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Secy Am. Board,
Dear Friend,

I have been corresponding with Hon. J. W. Ragsdale, our new U. S. Consul at Tientsin, on the granting of a licence to marry in the interior. The subject has been investigated by an American missionary, Rev. Earle D. Sing, of Tai an fu, Shantung, who has written to the Sec. of the Department of State, Washington, D.C. in regard to the necessity of missionaries making a long & expensive journey to the consulate in order to be married.

He writes a letter on this subject, which is published in the Nov.-97 Recorder. One sentence of his letter is as follows -- "Upon investigation I find that our laws have been misinterpreted & that there is no law requiring a marriage

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between citizens of the United States to be performed in the presence of the consul & that marriages in China are governed by the states of which the engaged parties are citizens".

This does not state explicitly whether or no the consul can give a licence to marry and have the marriage recorded in Tientsin or whether one must write home to the probate court for such a licence.

I have as yet received no reply to my communication, as the time has been too short for a reply to reach me. I do not yet know what his ruling will be.

I write to you to secure your help in this matter should any question arise in his mind needing explanation and further to make the definite request that, if possible, you secure the necessary authority to perform the marriage ceremony yourself upon your visit to our mission. This would indeed be a most auspicious event in our lives and would perhaps add another

important consideration to the others you now have of visiting us.

In my last letter to our Consul I suggested the name of Bro. Clapp as a resident of my own state, Ohio, who would be qualified to perform the ceremony. This in view of your visit to our mission I am sure Bro. Clapp would be very willing to have changed.

The whole subject is one which is worthy of the attention of our Board. The time, expense & difficulties involved in the journey are very considerable. In my own case leaving the children for that length of time is a serious consideration. Dr. & Mrs. Atwood will do it willingly but it is a serious burden nevertheless.

I will close by saying that this arrangement will be most agreeable to Miss Graham.

I desire to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

E. R. Atwater.

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Fenchowfu, Shansi.
May 10th 1898.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec'y of Am. Board,
Dear Friend,

I herewith forward the annual report of the Shansi Mission read at Fenchowfu the second week in April. I am sure that you will feel as we do that the mission has made substantial gains during the past year. In results that can be tabulated it is doubtless the best in the history of the mission. We look for similar results this year.

I enclose in this letter the special business passed at the annual meeting that makes requests from the Prudential Committee. I trust that we may be favorably heard. The appropriation for Taiku certainly is as urgent as anything of its nature can be.

We at Fenchowfu have made request-

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for young ladies to assist in the work now for some years. The Church membership is almost entirely of men, their wives do not naturally come into the Church unless there are those who can instruct them. May we not hear a favorable response this year?

The church at Penchoufu was formally organized at the time of our Annual meeting. 29 men and one woman were present to form the new church and the friends from Paikw spoke of them as a very acceptable body of people. We strive to instil into them active self help and to make them all evangelists. They are bringing in their friends in considerable numbers. Last Sunday, May 8th, I received 3 on probation, making 34 in all since Jan 1st-98. These with the probationers of last year still waiting, makes the whole number about fifty. More than half of this number will doubtless prove worthy of baptism and so our numbers will be much increased within a year or so.

I have just been paid a visit by a young Catholic priest, an Italian, just two years on the field. He converse in Chinese. It has given me several interesting hints in regard to their methods of work and I am glad to say that I feel that ours is greatly superior to theirs in the results obtained. He in fact assured me that ours was much the best plan.

The Catholics have no Medical work in Shansi and none in China, such as we carry on, if I am correctly informed. The priests have several times called upon Dr. Atwood for medical treatment and they also call upon Dr. Edwards of Taiyüanfu. The medical work gives the missionary an audience which, until China radically changes, he will secure in no other way. Men of high & low degree all present themselves and are recipients of favors such as they can never forget. They are our guests for a period of time and respectfully listen to our doctrine. We have thus a

extraordinary coign of vantage.

This young Catholic priest is scarcely able to make himself understood, yet he is compelled to spend most of his time in the homes of his parishoners, travelling from one village to another. He is miserable in the extreme and utterly abhors the dirt, the food & the vermine he has to encounter. He told me today that he had written a letter to Pai Yüan fu saying he must be allowed to return home or he should die. He said the friend who came to China with him, died of fear & disgust within six months and that only a small proportion of the Catholic priests can endure to live here.

This is outside testimony of a striking kind as to the sort of trial that missionaries are subject to in leaving home. The policy of Protestant Boards in sending the family saves much of this wear & tear but not altogether. Marriage & posterity being also fundamental with the Chinese, the Prot. missions have an untold advantage over the Catholics in this country, as a few more years will show.

I desire to remain
Very faithfully yours,
E. R. Atwater.

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Rev. E. R. Atwater, Fenchowfu, Shansi.
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Sec'y of Am. Board,
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Dear Friend,

Your letter of Apr. 1st to the mission and also separate myself arrived last evening. I will send the one to the mission immediately and I can assure you that we appreciate the reasons you give for finding it impossible at this time to visit the mission. Dr. Atwood & Mr. Williams decided on reading your precious letter that it would after all be of material benefit to go to Pingchow & so started before your telegram reached Fenchowfu. They are nearing Tientsin today & will convey our regards and best wishes to you. You must realize from our urgency to have you visit us that we feel our need of support and sympathy. It would lengthen cords and strengthen hands to have a Sec'y of the Board visit the missions of the Board as a regular order of activity. It would settle difficulties, save expense & be a means of bringing the Board & the missions nearer together.

Rev. Chas. Hall, Mar. 10-98

I wish to urge one thing upon you. Send, if possible, two young la this year to Fenchowfu. We ne them. The work is growing so o sided. Think of some 80 conn ed with us and only four or fi of them women.

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the work in Fienchowfu to be considered? The work in Fienchow is just ready to show great results. It has been several years starting and we need just these workers to bring in the women and make it semetrical.

In any case I trust that you will remember this request.

Dr Atwood will speak with you about the appointment of a physician to take his place an Fienchowfu.

I am glad to note that Mrs. Police seems happier than when she first came to Fienchowfu. I have real sympathy with such trials. It requires a peculiar kind of resignation to be a missionary. They are now building some bedrooms which seem very necessary. Enclosed please notice the special resolution which the mission passed.

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Yü tao hê, Shansi.
July 16th 1898.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec'y of Am. Board,
Dear Friend,

It affords me great pleasure to announce to you my marriage with Miss Lizzie Graham at the time & place I believe I have mentioned before.

Twenty two people sat down to the wedding supper, of whom Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Mr. Clapp & Miss Partridge were of our mission. Also Mr. Farthing & Mr. Underwood of the English Baptist mission; Mr. & Mrs. Beynon of the British & Foreign Bible Society; while our host, Dr. & Mrs. Edwards and their helpers & fellow missionaries Mr. & Mrs. Stokes & Mr. & Mrs. Simpson were of the independent Show Yang mission. There was also a representative of the C. I. M. in the person of Miss Jacobson, who was one of the first to gain a foot-hold in the province of Hu nan.

The ceremony was performed by Mr. Clapp and his remarks were good. The whole service was most acceptable to all.

The next day, Sat., we started on our return journey to Fen chow fu, stopping over Sunday & Monday at Chin tzu, where the finest spring in Shansi is surrounded by beautiful temple grounds filled with shade trees.

As I write I feel that my home is again established by the blessing of God and that I can go on in the work that I have such a desire to carry on. We are all very well, both the older & the younger.

Mrs. Atwater's appointment as an assistant missionary of the Am. Board, I trust will now naturally follow. Her full name is Mrs. Elizabeth Graham Atwater.

There is also another matter of business following upon this viz: the reimbursing of the Shou Yang mission for a portion of Mrs. Atwater's travelling expenses. They express themselves satisfied with £40., about $200.00 I suppose. I do not know the exchange.

Please have this amount forwarded to

P. W. Pigott Esq., Care of Mrs. Kemp, Beechwood, Rochdale, England. He is the founder & support of the Show Yang mission.

It still seems best to send Ernestine & Mary home to Oberlin next year. Mrs. Atwater will need time to learn the language and can scarcely with the care of the younger children keep them fully up to their school work. They have a good start now and it seems the part of wisdom to keep them from falling behind. There is, on the part of Mr. & Mrs. Bond, an intense desire to have them in their home. And so, after spending much thought upon it, I feel impelled to this course. They are both easily cared for, happy, healthy children and a very little care will suffice to keep them so. What Mrs. Bond is in danger of doing, is to over care for them. But I will try to prevent this.

I understand that the Board will not feel it right to pay the children's passage money & travelling expenses at this time. I will therefore pay it my self and ~~will~~

hope that the Board will reimburse me in whole or in part at the time when a regular return to the States would come in the order of my missionary life. This brings up a consideration. By sending them home now, I will be able to note on my return their tendencies good or bad acquired in the years before I go to America.

Hoping to hear from you and desiring that you may be blessed with health & strength,

I remain,

faithfully yours,

E. R. Atwater.

Atwater, July 16, 1878
Recd Sept. 14

Pen Chow fu, Shansi
Sept. 28th 1898.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec'y Am. Board,
Dear Friend,

It is a pleasure to write when there are so many indications of the growth of the work as we have at present. Perhaps I can do best by speaking first, of individual church members, second, of the church as a whole, third, of our present standing in the community and fourth, of the wide field.

Yesterday I took dinner at the home of Mr. Lu, a probationer of three months standing. He has been teacher of the Boys Boarding School in Penchowfu & is now planning to take charge of an opium refuge at Yang Ch'uan, 12 miles from the city. He is a little man but intense. Seven years ago, having heard that there were foreign religions in

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China that did not worship idols, he put his idols away although he had not talked with any christian personally. He tried to follow the Confucian teachings in his daily life and maintained a reputation for virtue among his villagers. This winter he attended the class taught by Mr. Iiu of Pikin and was convicted of sin and of the necessity of trusting in Christ and shortly afterwards asked us to take him on probation. On going home he publicly made known his joining the Church, telling them in the words of Paul "I am not ashamed of the gospel" and urged the claims of Christ upon his neighbors. This has just recently borne fruit in his own home. His older & younger brothers, who live in the same yard with him, have just burned all their idols. Let us hope that they will put faith in the Savious as he does. About the time he took his stand as a christian, but before he had done so publically, his old mother lay in her last illness. He came to her and said "Mother, I want you to go to heaven.

And now I want you to put away all wrong practices in your burial. I do not want to choose a lucky day or pick out a lucky spot for your grave, or call in the Buddhist priests or burn paper at your grave. I want you to let everyone know your desire so that after you are dead there will be no question." And she said to him "My son, all these things are the common & well established practices of the country. How can you dare to change them?" But he answered "We are to rely upon the God of Heaven and that is sufficient. If you are not at rest, let me know by a dream and I will make up what is lacking." So she consented (to use his own words) and her soul went to heaven. All the objections that were raised to burying her in such an unknown way, ~~he quieted~~ by saying that the evil consequences would all fall upon himself and the grave digger ~~might~~ need not fear. He also wrote out his belief upon a large sheet of paper that all might read, pasted it upon a board to

set it up by her grave and when the family buried her, he kneeled down in the open field and prayed for the peace of her soul. He has also, without the help of foreigners, been released from the payment of temple taxes by the village council.

Another probationer, a young man of twenty, who comes to be tested from Shensi, seven days away, is going home to preach the gospel and seems very earnest.

Our church clerk, Mr. Lei, is a portrait-painter by occupation and has lately painted the portrait of the Hsien official's wife and was liberally paid for it. He is just arranging the marriage of his brother, which will be performed in a christian manner. He is instant in season & out of season to preach the gospel.

"We feel that the church as a whole is alive and aggressive, and that their daily lives, many of them, have power to bear testimony for Christ. We still maintain the habit of repeating the scripture lesson

for the Sunday in the large meeting before the preaching service and it does one good to hear twenty or more men, older & younger, repeat the selection one after the other. The practice is heartily approved. We are having additions to our numbers from time to time and expect a large number this winter."

We note a marked change in the attitude of the better class of the people toward us. By the recent proclamations of the Emperor, Western learning is given the place that the Confucian classics held and so at a single step our books are put in the front rank. The wisdom and good will of our Protestant missionaries in translating science books into Chinese is now bearing wonderful fruit. These are the books that must be obtained or degrees can not be gotten. The fu magistrate, the hsien magistrate & the principal school master have just purchased numbers of books of us and made orders for what we

do not have on hand. The demand for the new books is so great that the enterprising of our congregation are forming a company to start a book store in the city. They propose to put several hundred dollars into the enterprise. Yesterday in conversation with one of our helpers the hsien magistrate urged our opening such a store and said it would have great patronage.

In looking at the present situation of China, I for one feel that she has saved herself. The Emperor has according to several with whom I have spoken changed 40 percent of the things that were hindering her progress, during the past year or so. The proclamation announcing the granting of the first patent issued in China was yesterday posted in the city. Very fittingly it was for a new machine to be used in the manufacture of silk. The patent is for fifteen years and

the proclamation urges others to try new inventions for the benefit of their country. The use of the bow & arrow is now discarded by law & the use of the rifle substituted in the obtaining of military degrees and it is quite possible for China in five years or so to change the aspect of her military forces. It seems that the crisis is past. The icy conservatism is at last broken. Let us look for the birth of a new China.

We are now quite comfortable in our home. We are well and have very much to be thankful for.

With best wishes and regards,
I desire to remain,
faithfully yours,
E. R. Atwater.

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Fen Chowfu, Shansi.
Nov. 9th - 98.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Secy Am. Board,
Dear Friend,

Enclosed please find a copy of the resolution just drawn up in regard to the return of Mr. & Mrs. Davis to the mission. The resolution was drawn up by Dr. Atwood and has been signed by all the members on the field.

I was very glad to sign it in view of what you wrote Dr. Atwood in regard to Mr. Davis' acceptance of the view of the mission in regard to Jen Bum. On this depends the harmony of the mission.

I desire to remain,
Very faithfully yours,
E. R. Atwater.

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Circular Note

Fenakow Jan, Nov. 9, 1898.

Recd Jan. 2, 1899. SF

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
Dec 5th 1898.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec'y Am Board,
Dear Friend,

Your kind letter of Sept 26th to hand containing the action of the Prudential Committee in voting $200.00 to the Shou Yang Mission for Mrs. Atwater's travelling expenses. The amount will be duly forwarded to them. I appreciate it very much.

I am glad to report progress in our Fenchowfu work this fall. I have now a station class of men seven in number. They use rooms in our back court formerly occupied by the Girls' School. The excellent thing about it is that they bring their own food. I furnish fuel & cooking dishes.

You know how heartily in favor of self support I am and I trust that this winter I can secure the

attendance of most of the Church members & probationers.

We are seeking now for helpers. We can hope within a year or so to find a man whom the Church members will be willing to partially or wholly support. And I am glad to inform you that Mrs. Atwater's brothers in Ireland have already indicated a lively interest in the work here and offer to support a native helper. I doubt not but that this can be arranged. Let us then pray that the right kind of men may be found, that the work may be enlarged.

There is good news from Dr. Atwood's opium refuge in Liu Lin Chen. The helper there reports a number of men desiring to be taken on probation and also many patients. This may grow into an out-station.

The Coup d'etat in Peking reversing all the progressive activities of

the government does not seem to affect us here. The people come to service as well as ever & the gospel wins its way slowly but surely.

Yesterday two men were standing in the gateway as I was returning from morning service. I recognised one as a late opium patient. I asked if he had come again for treatment. He said it was not for that. I passed on saying that if he wished to hear the doctrine we would have service later on. He called after me and I waited a minute for him to come up. He said he & his brother had walked in that morning 40 li (13 miles) to be taken on probation. He had come to believe in the doctrine while under treatment and had gone home to talk it over with his older brother and they both now wished to be received. I invited them to my place and had a conversation with them on the main themes and say that they had fully made up

their minds to leave idolatry & ancestral worship to serve the living God. I therefore received them and they are coming to study in the station class.

Our health is good at the present time. Dr. Atwood's time for returning to America is close at hand. This with Dr. Hall's sudden departure leaves the mission without a doctor. Cannot something be done to enlarge our work at Fen Chow fu? Are there no young ladies available? We want a first-class helper for woman's work. There are many homes open to us. Is there not some one who can come & win souls in Fen chow fu?

With kindest regards,
I desire to remain,
faithfully yours,
E. R. Atwater.

P.S. Dr. Atwood waits for his permission to return to America next Spring. He needs a rest very much.

Fenchowfu, Dec. 9. 1898.
Rec'd Feb. 9. 1899.

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
Jan 3rd, 1899.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Secy Am. Board,
Dear Friend,

By the last mail I received two letters from you dated Oct 18th & 21st. They will be duly forwarded to the members of the mission.

I am glad to note that my experiment of a self supporting station class is proving a great success. There are at present nine members and others will come. Indeed I have come to take a forward step lately and tell the probationers that I now expect all who are really looking forward to connection with the church ~~should~~ to plan to come & study with me for two weeks and I am supported in this by our principal church members. All motives for studying the gospel being thus

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excluded, except the desire for its real possession, I can put my whole heart & soul into it. I feel free. They are spending time & money in order to learn the truth. They want to get it as truly as I want to give it & I am happy.

The new life in the church manifested itself quite unexpectedly in our Christmas celebration. I suggested to them the idea of decorating the church. They took up the idea with a common impulse. Evergreens & hemlock was brought from the hills 15 miles away. Festoons, flags & mottoes were made by working hard two or three days and quite into the night and the result was a decoration the like of which I have not seen in China. We would have been glad to have entertained you. You would have felt that Christmas joy had come to Fenchowfu much as it does at home.

The ~~work~~ church was so attractive when

finished that large crowds of visitors and outsiders came to see it on Saturday and increased to such an extenent that by Sunday night the illumination had to be extinguished and meeting discontinued and the crowd only gradually were gotten away and out of the hospital court. No damage was done but it was thought best to be on the safe side. They insist that if they had only had more time, they would have done better still and promise a more beautiful decoration next year. As they freely gave their time & strength, we were indeed pleased with this new feature of our Church life.

Except for one or two colds, we are all very well. Lizzie finds time to play the organ at the Sunday morning service and goes out once a week to visit the church members.

Yours very faithfully,
E. R. Atwater.

Tenchousfu, Jan. 3, 1899.

Rec'd March 6.

SHANSI MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD.

P. O. ADDRESS: TIENTSIN, CHINA.

Shansi, China, Mar. 3rd 1899

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec'y Am Board,
Dear Friend,

The enclosed resolution has just been signed by the members of the Shansi Mission. The members of Paikiu station will write in full about Dr. Hall's illness & consequent withdrawal from the mission. His goods are now being forwarded to him at Tientsin.

Yours very truly,
E. R. Atwater.
Sec'y Shansi Mission.

Resolution of Sept. 3, 1899.

Rev. O. V.

Shansi, March 3, 1899

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Fenchowfu, Shansi.
March 15th 1899.

Rev. E. E. Strong D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,
Dear Friend,

I herewith forward our statistical report for 1898. I trust you will receive it in due time. I would be glad of notice that it has been received as a number of our documents & reports seem to have gone astray and we are anxious to have all our reports received. Dr. Hall has not yet sent in any medical report for the past year and so no figures are at hand for me to compile. I send the items Dr. Atwood left me in his report.

Very Respectfully,
E. R. Atwater,
Sec'y Shansi Mission.

Rev. E. R. Atwater

Fen Cho Fu, March 15, 1899

Recd June 13

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SHANSI MISSION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD.

P. O. ADDRESS: TIENTSIN, CHINA.

Shansi, China, Apr. 21 1899

To the Prudential Committee of
the A. B. C. F. M.;

Dear and Honored Gentlemen:

We beg leave to call your attention to a special request made at our recent Annual Meeting for school buildings in Tai-ku Station. Although this is included in the general fund previously asked for by us and approved by you, a special appeal for one thousand dollars ($1000.00) is now made because of the extreme urgency of the situation, the point having been reached where it seems impossible to proceed another step without it. We therefore ask you to kindly consider the following reasons for an immediate grant for this purpose.

1- Condition of present school quarters.

The premises now in use are old Chinese houses which have become so damp and unwholesome as to be positively unsafe, besides being inconvenient and unsuitable for the work. Each small sleeping room accommodates five or six boys, and only two of the rooms get any sun the year round, while

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the narrow, almost sunless courts form their only play ground.

2- The grade of work is advancing, and therefore the needs of the school increased. The school is now formally recognized by the Mission as an Academy, and we have two classes whose work corresponds to that required by the Ting Chs catalogue for the first and second Academy years.

3- The missionary teacher cannot leave the city unless the school goes also.

Although the Williams' house, now in process of building, would make this change, considered so necessary by the Mission, possible for the teacher, the failure of the school to leave the city will make it impossible.

4 The crowding together of different departments of the work hampers all, and makes an independent successful school work well nigh impossible.

5- The sum asked for is not large. As we have the land and the wall surrounding it, the sum ~~can~~ asked can be made to cover dormitories, room for native teacher, general school room also to be used for chapel, and

a recitation room for the use of the missionary teacher.

6 – It is considered by the Mission an extravagent and foolish waste of money to provide other inconvenient native houses, which in a few years will be as bad if not worse than those we now have.

The conclusion of the whole matter is that it is considered most unadvisable to re open the school in its present quarters next September, and a new building is the only feasible solution of the question. We therefore urgently appeal to you for aid, and ask that if possible the Station be informed of your decision in time to take advantage of the building season of the year.

Faithfully yours on behalf of the Mission

Rowena Bird Taiku

E. R. Atwater Fenchowfu.

Jhansi, April 21, 1899

Recd June 13

Fenchowfu, Shansi;
April 26th 1899.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec'y Am. Board,
Dear Friend,

I send you by this mail copies of our Annual Reports for 1898 just read at our Annual Meeting at Paikin. I hope you can see what we are so happy to realize that our work is fairly launched. The work of the mission is no longer in an experimental stage but manifests a steady growth.

One of the pleasant incidents of the week was the organization of the Paikin Academy. For particulars see the Paikin school report. We trust that the appeal for $1000.— to put the work in the needed quarters will receive a happy response.

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of

Shansi, April 26, 1899

of Jan 4th. in which you speak of the return of Mr. & Mrs. Davis to the field. There is some slip in regard to the resolution of the mission permitting Dr. Hall to go to the coast on account of his health. This was given & signed by all members of the mission. The later resolution asking for a new doctor has reached you ere this.

As others have written in regard to his leaving and as you ask in your last letter, which is not before me, as it is being circulated, it may be permitted me to urge that the most careful inquiries be made into the character of any other physician who may offer. It is perhaps a sufficient indication of the feelings of the mission upon his leaving that no resolution of regret was proposed or could have received signatures. It is a positive relief to the mission to let him return, as he found it impossible to live at peace with anyone. He was one who, possessed of a lively imagination, saw his own work through a magnifying glass

and thought that no one else did anything. I feel that the friends in Taiku have been very patient. I hope that their patience will be rewarded with the help of a good physician.

As to helpers, we have a medical assistant, Mr. Li, who is carrying on the work in Dr. Atwood's absence in a very manly way, with very little diminution in the number of cases treated.

Also two men at the head of opium refuges Mr. Han & Mr. Lu. We plan now to close one refuge & ask Mr. Lu to come & help here in the city. We plan to begin a system of training by which in four years they may pass through a regular course of study.

But unless the funds of the Board seem to warrant it I do not see how we can increase our force, as there is not money enough now to pay the expenses of the station. We all put something in from our salary to meet current expenses. I plan to use a tenth of my income in the

work. This past two or three years we have built up a fairly good stock of Chinese books by putting in about $200.00 gold.

So, although I feel that there are other men who would make good helpers, I scarcely see how it can be done.

I do feel very deeply just now the financial difficulties of the Board and shall pray more earnestly than ever for Divine help & blessing. There is certainly money in the hands of the people more than ever before. Why is it withheld? I will pray that the reason may be discovered. It would be well to scan the whole round of the work, the spirit & methods of the body of missionaries whether any change is necessary in them before a blessing can descend on the relation of the Board to the force on the field or to the Churches or finally the membership of the Church. For myself I realize that the proper establishment of the Church in China is a difficult one & not the least difficult part is the use of money - foreign money - by missionaries.

Yours very truly,

E. R. Atwater.

Rev. Chas. Fu, April 26, 1899
Recd June 13

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
June 3rd 1899.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec'y of Am. Board,
Dear Friend,

I am in receipt of your favor of Mar. 29th and am so glad if anything I can write of the progress of the work gives you a sense of satisfaction. I returned on Thursday, May 18th, from a 17 days tour to our outstation at Lin Lin Chen, 2½ days to the West of Fenchowfu. The helper there has done excellent work the past winter. He has attracted some of the better class of the community about him and a permanent work seems well started. I received two more on probation making 6 in all and a dozen others are inquirers, nearly ready to take the step. But they wish to feel sure that we are not like the Catholics & I spent considerable time in the consideration of this point.

Rev. Geo. Fenn, April 26, 1899

The Catholics are feared there. They intimidate the local magistrate and carry things with a high hand.

From Lin Lin I went with the helper another days journey west to the Yellow River — the first time I had seen it on the province of Shensi. Our object was to open another out station at Ch'i Kou, an important trading center on a main road to the west of China.

A young man, son of a well to do trader had broken off opium at Lin Lin & had promised to help us rent a place. When we reached the place we found that his father would have nothing to do with us but the mother favored us. A place was looked at and we are likely to secure it.

I would like to urge that the next year's appropriation for Shansi be not cut in half. We have always gone on the basis of self supporting lines in our work and a few hundred dollars more will make a great difference with us

whereas the same amount in another mission that has not yet fully settled to work on the lines of self support would not do so much. This work at Lin Lin Chen for the past year has cost us scarcely anything & a good foundation is laid. We want to see the same thing done at Ch'i K'ou. From Ch'i K'ou in a year or two a station still farther on might easily be secured & our Shansi Mission be given a broader territory. I believe you are heartily in favor of such expansion.

Another reason for taking prompt action in regard to enlarging our boundaries is that that the C. I. M. seem quite inclined to hedge us in. Although there must still be plenty of unoccupied territory in other parts of China, yet they seem quite inclined to plant a main station of their mission on both sides of us East & West. Mr. Ogren is now engaged in renting a

place at Yün Ning Chou, the next large place West of us on the road to Lin Lin Chen. I feel that mission comity should lead them to settle in a different place. Very little can be said to them however unless the members of our mission are all active in pushing out & occupying the territory that naturally belongs to us.

I am happy to note that two or three places for preaching have been opened to us just recently by our church members & probationers.

Also that Mrs. Atwater is planning with a view to reopen the Fenchowfu Girl's School. Several of our members are anxious to see a school established - a condition of things we did not have a few years ago.

I inclose three resolutions passed at the last Annual meeting which we hope will receive your approval.

If $250.00 is voted us we can repair & make habitable the 2nd of the two mills just

purchased with the $250.00 sent by Mrs Castle of Honolulu. Otherwise another mill will be needed & extra expense put on it in repairs. The one we have used for so many years gives us greater satisfaction every season. The trees give more shade than ever this year & make a delightful change from the city heat.

The other resolutions scarcely need any explanation.

A previous letter from you speaks of your writing to the Woman's Board in regard to securing a young lady for Kinchowfu. The straitness in finances may be a hindering cause but the work here is in such a state of enlargement as to make the call a most attractive as well as an urgent one.

Our health is not as good for the past two weeks as we are accustomed to. Several of us including Mrs. Atwater have had an epedemic cough & fever. All are better but not so well as I could wish. I have been as well as usual.

With many prayers for yourself and for all the work of the Board,

I desire to remain,

Faithfully Yours,

E. R. Atwater

Rev. E. R. Atwater
Fenchow, China, June 3, 1899
Filed Aug. 2

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
Aug 30th, 1899.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec'y Am. Board,
Dear Friend,

I have to acknowledge letters from you of June 12th & June 14th respectively. In these you kindly acknowledge receipt of the Annual Reports of the Shansi Mission.

You speak of not receiving the minutes of the meeting. I may perhaps need to be corrected on this point but I did not know that you desired anything further than the special business passed at the meeting. This I have sent you; the regular routine business I believe I did not forward. I will do so but I doubt if you will find any especial information in them further than that already sent.

The sudden death of Mrs. Thompson on Aug 23rd is very trying to the mission. She

was worn down before the birth of her child, the death of her mother & of her child & Br. Thompson's discontent with his position since his return to the mission all tended to unfit her to bear up. She was conscious till the last and met death in a brave and resigned spirit. She confided all that was dear to her to the care of the father in Heaven. Her death might perhaps have been averted by the presence of a competent physician from the first, as also doubtless the death of her little Alma. Certain it is that Bro. Thompson has received a severe, it may be a fatal blow. He is not seemingly able to care for his family, scarcely for himself. He may show a new spirit under this extraordinary crisis in his life, both to bear & to do. But to judge from the past it is scarcely to be expected. I feel for him & fear for him. Having passed through such a valley before, I know what is the least that he must meet & I tremble for him. I survived by faith

in God and it seemed at times inadequate.

In regard to Jen B'un. Mr. Thompson had no desire to go to any other station & so long as he would not move, the mission had no power to make any change. It was hoped that Mr. Davis would come out with a different spirit. I trust that you will keep close watch of the course of events when Mr. Davis comes on to the field as we are not at all sure how he will act. We do want Mr. Davis to come back but we want him to come prepared to work in harmony with the rest of the mission.

Let me make a statement in regard to the C. I. M. mission in this section of country. They are planning to crowd in to every Hsien city on the plain still unoccupied. I think that the interest of the Shansi Mission, if it is to be a mission at all with a future, requires that you as Sec'y of the Board make a formal protest and a call for a fair division of

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the field. The Shansi mission must have more men & more support & more elbow-room. Are we growing fast enough now to make it worth while to speak for us? If so, no time is to be lost in addressing Mr. Taylor on the subject. He may & may not do different after you have spoken. The C.I.M. on the whole do not observe mission comity & yet they speak as though they believed in it. The particular points are the putting of men into Ch'i hsien & into Yün Ning Chou. Ch'i hsien is right between our two stations, Taiku & Tenchowfu & Yün Ning Chou is west of us along a road that we ought by rights to occupy. Not only what they have done but what they still plan to do should be discussed. It may be that there is no other way to hold the field except to send men enough here to actually occupy. When can the Board do it?

With kindest wishes,

E. R. Atwater

Rev. E. R. Atwater
Fenchow, Shansi
Aug. 30, 1899
Rec'd Oct. 17

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
Via Paotingfu.
Sept 12th 1899.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.,
Sec'y Am. Board,
Dear Friend,

We were all very glad to receive your communication of July 11th. We trust that our numbers may soon be increased by a good physician and a single lady. The appropriation of $586.20 to cover the repairs on Mr. Price's house we appreciate very much. We all considered it a very much needed improvement. The house is now very comfortable & well arranged. The permission to make an appeal through the columns of the "Herald" for a sum with which to build the Parker High School is also noted. Also the return of Mr. & Mrs. Davis to the field. We feel very much that Mrs. Thompson's death will

Rev. D. Z. T. Thompson
Fenchowfu, Shansi
Aug. 30, 1899

make Mrs. Davis return to the work a very sad one. I trust that she may find help in the Lord & joy in his service.

Mr. Thompson has made request by the last mail for permission to return home with his two children. This request I enclose with my letter. I suppose this is the only course left open to him. We feel very sorry for him. He has suffered much this year.

The work of the mission has progressed during the summer in both stations Paikin & Fenchowfu. By means of a helpers class held in Paikin beginning July 31st & ending Aug. 22nd the work of the two stations was united as never before. There were thirteen under instruction during this period about 8 of whom might be reckoned helpers and the others only promising Church members. Mr. Clapp taught classes in the exegesis of Luke & sermon preparation & I in Theology & a new Catechism – the one put out by the English Churches this Spring. There was

also instruction in singing three times a week, led by Mr. Hsi the school teacher for Paikn. The Class was distinguished by earnestness in study, by most cordial intercourse among the members and by spiritual power. I was greatly blessed myself by the spirit of prayer manifested in the meetings and came away feeling greatly cheered at the signs of progress in our work. We plan for a similar meeting next Summer to be held in Fenchowfu. To this meeting the helpers look forward eagerly.

We note progress in the work at Fenchowfu this Summer. The church members in the city have conducted a community prayer meeting for several weeks to whom they invite those whom they feel are interested. It has proved a blessing to the members of the church & will soon be the means of helping several to understand the gospel. One young man of good family who professed faith in Christ this spring comes now constantly to help

exhort the inpatients & Clinic patients to believe in the Gospel. He gives his time freely. We have decided on a permanent helper also in this work, whose salary can be at least partially met by the Church. He is a well respected man & will do much to lead men to Christ.

There are indications of further progress which I hope we can report in good time. The school seems to be on a better basis than ever this fall for which we are all very thankful. I desire your prayers for the growth of our work.

With kindest regards,

I remain,

faithfully yours,

E. R. Atwater

Rev. E. R. Atwater,
Kanchow, Sep. 12, 1892.
Rec'd. Oct. 24.

Fenchowfu, Shansi.
Nov 27th 1899.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec'y Am. Board,
Dear Friend,

Your letter of recent date informed us of the appropriation of $250.00 for the repairing of Summer homes for Fenchowfu and also of the conditional appropriation for a new station. This $250.00 will provide for our summer outing very nicely. The two places are near together and well situated and will grow more beautiful as the years pass. We appreciate this gift very much.

The work of the station has been enlarged this fall by the appointment of two book & tract colporteurs and of one evangelist for the hospital & opium refuge here in the city. This will give added power to our work and we look for greater results in the future.

Rev. S. R. Hurston
Fenchowfu, Feb. 12, 1898

There was considerable friction caused by the coming of this new evangelist & at one time it seemed as if the medical assistant & the helper would both leave permanently but a way out was found at last and I am glad to be able to write you of the continued prosperity attending the work of the station. Three men were taken on probation yesterday making the number received so far this year on probation 29.

This year we have made haste slowly in the matter of baptisms. We have felt the necessity of a longer probation. We seem to be a branch of the McAuley mission, our members are so weak & so often fall into sin. The opium habit seems to hold fast to its victims like the Old Man of the Sea. Again & again it pulls them down to a miserable slavery. They are exceedingly ashamed of themselves and it is often hard to persuade them to try again. Whenever a church member or a probationer ceases church attendance, we think first of

all of the opium. Ten to one the man has again enslaved himself.

Mrs. Davis writes that Cora & Carrie Clark of the class of '89, Oberlin College, now teaching in Baltimore, Md., are thinking of applying as missionaries of the Am. Board and also think favorably of the Shansi Mission. I would urge their appointment to Fenchowfu. Some steady workers at the present stage of our work would doubtless double our membership and make the church a power in the community. There are many things about the work in Fen Chowfu to give one encouragement & they would find among us a most hearty welcome.

Mr. Price's school seems very prosperous this year and is also more nearly self supporting. He is feeling much better about it himself and we are all rejoicing with him.

Miss. Atwater is pursuing Chinese study with good success and hopes to

pass the first examination by the end of the year.

Our greatest concern is the lack of funds. We note the increased indebtedness of the Board with much concern & shall make it a continued subject of prayer. I am trying in all possible ways to introduce economy into the conduct of the work. I desire to watch lest there be any unnecessary expense incurred. I have found several ways of saving money in our work in the past few months. Sums small it may be but making a considerable sum total. Money spent too freely is a positive harm to mission work. I cannot but express a conviction that such is the case among missions of our beloved Board. Is this not the proper time for earnest words on this subject? Is it not the proper time to request the pupils in Mission Boarding schools to pay for their food? The Public Schools at home cannot afford to feed the school children. How can the schools of the Board? I feel that it is a positive harm to the work to do so. If not a positive harm, yet certainly an unnecessary expense except among the children of paupers. Certainly the Board does not desire to become an asylum. With kindest regards I remain faithfully

E. R. Atwater

Mrs. E. R. Atwater,
Franchville, Nov. 27, 1899.
Rec'd Jan. 20.
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PETERS HALL.

Mrs. Jennie P. Atwater.
Oberlin, Ohio,

December 21 1891

Recd Dec. 24.

Dr. Judson Smith;-
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.;-
Dear Sir:-

Your letter to my husband of Aug. 27 has remained unacknowledged to this time. I write now for him to that purpose and also to make a few farther inquiries.

We are in receipt of letters from Mr. & Mrs. Williams by the last mail, dated Oct. 19. They do not speak very definitely but we conclude that their shipment of goods purchased in Boston in June had only just arrived, at Zentani. In that case it must have been too late to get over the mountains

this fall even if they had desired it to do so. Their earlier shipment had gone on before their arrival.

We understand from their letters that we are not likely to be invited to stay in Tsingcho, but will probably go directly inland, and desire to have our goods there at least as soon as we are. In that case we must send them about the time of Mr. Williams' first shipment, and we write to inquire just when that left Boston. We suppose it to have been sometime in March or the first of April but have no definite information. We desire not to be dependent on our co-workers even for the first months if careful planning can accomplish it. My parents invite us to visit them the last months of our stay here so we can easily send ahead such of

our present possessions as we think best to take with us. Our purchases will not be very extensive as we already have some of the necessaries and shall try to take as economical an outfit as possible, in order to leave behind the smallest debt consistent with our circumstances. It may not be necessary for either of us to go to Boston as far as the outfit is concerned.

We shall be glad of any information about the time of shipment, or of our own departure.

Yours Sincerely -

Jennie P. Atwater.

P. S. We should be glad of any information which may be

obtained in regard to the past history or present situation of the Shansi Mission. Of course we have the Board Magazines & also Miss Bird's letters to her mother, with occasionally one from Miss Hewett.

Mrs. Jennie P. Atwater

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PETERS HALL.

Oberlin, Ohio,

December 30 1891

Rec'd Jan. 2. 1892.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir:-

Your long letter of the 26th instant reached us day before yesterday, and was much appreciated.

We will try to have our goods leave here promptly at whatever date Mr. Swett thinks it necessary in order to reach Boston for March 15th. According to your suggestion I have written him quite a number of questions.

You gave us the address of Messrs. Stimson and Price in a previous letter and we have already received many valuable suggestions from

them and their wives.

It would be very convenient to have a part of our outfit allowance at this time, if it seems best to the authorities. We would be glad at least to know what to plan for in that line. A few outfit purchases have already been made.

We are very happy as the time for joining the Shansi Mission approaches, and shall try to be useful members. There are a great many opportunities for failure however and we feel the need of prayer by ourselves and our friends that we may pass them by.

Yours Sincerely-

Jennie P. Atwater

Oberlin, Ohio, Jan 4th 92

Dr. Judson Smith:-

Sec. A. B. C. F. M.:-

Dear Sir:-

Your note of the 2nd instant is at hand and gives us considerable satisfaction. Many thanks for your prompt reply.

We think ($200.00) two hundred dollars will meet our outfit expenses for some little time, and should be glad of that amount.

Yours Sincerely

Jennie P. Alvater.

38 N. College St.

Mrs. Jennie P. Alwater
Oberlin, Jan. 4. 1892.
Rec'd Jan. 6.

From Mrs. Jennie P. Atwater, China.

Letter No. 4,
From Taiku.

Taiku, Thursday, 8 P.M.
Nov. 8th, 1892.

Dear Ones at Home:-

All the other foreigners are at our Thursday night prayer meeting in Mrs. Clapp's sitting room and although I stayed at home to care for the little ones and get to bed early, I must tell you the topics of the prayermeeting as Miss Bird, the leader told them to me just as they left. The general subject is prayer, and she chose it because we here in this station have so many topics for special prayer just now. She mentioned several which I will repeat. Last winter or fall, I don't know just when, seventeen were admitted to probation and at the next communion, the first Sunday in January, those who are accepted, are to be admitted to full membership. It will be a very important event in the history of the mission, as there are only a few communicants here. Mr. Lin - the school teacher, a boy who helps in selling books, Mr. Wang, a native preacher or rather helper as yet unordained who came up from Paotingfu to help here a while, and Pay Lin, Miss Williams' Paotingfu cook - these four are all, I think. Mr. Clapp and all the mission feel that it will be hard to decide who ought to be received and who ought to be put off or rejected, and as a mission we are making it a special subject of prayer. Mr. Price and Dr. Atwood will probably come down from Fen chow fu to assist in the examination and reception of the accepted ones.

This morning before Chinese prayers Mrs. Clapp asked the boys if they had any special subject for prayer. Foo Chung, of whom some of you have read in Miss Bird's letters as the little opium patient, wanted to give special thanks for the recovery of a little boy, the son of the man who is educating him. (This boys nurse is expected to come here in a few days to help me.) Another little boy wanted prayer asked for his father who had been thinking of coming to Mr. Clapp to break off from opium. The boy was afraid he had been laughed and scared out of it, but this afternoon he came in and has begun the treatment. There is one other opium patient on the place now and they are another object of prayer. Then another boy said his father had asked to come here and study the doctrine and become a probationer but had been much laughed at by the people of his village. He wanted prayer that he might not give it up.

Miss Bird said that she wanted us all to pray for these boys in the school and for the probationers in the words of Paul in the third chapter of Ephesians.

And so I have passed these topics along that you might unite with us.

I think I wrote of the little prayer meeting in

Dr.Merritt's sitting room, just after Mr.Thompson's arrival with such discouraging news from Dr.Goldsbury. When Mr.Clapp met us two days off from here, he reported Dr. Goldsbury as almost entirely well and said that his gain in strength began at exactly the time of that prayer meeting. So I think that the marked answer to that prayer ought to give us strong faith to pray more and more earnestly. Besides we new members certainly have received the answers to numberless prayers in our remarkably safe and easy journey. We knew all the time that our friends at both ends of the line were praying for us.

Now I must go to bed as I am quite tired. But I wish you all could look in on us and see how comfortable and happy we are and we have been in Taiku only three weeks.

Monday P.M. Saturday P.M. Miss Bird came in to say that the other boy's father had actually arrived on the place and begun the opium treatment which is usually the introduction to the instruction in "the doctrine". For no one is accepted as a probationer with the opium habit and most every one has the habit. So now there are three opium patients.

Now that I have a little time to write I hardly know where to begin. I will try to tell a little first about the litter journey. If we only could have written at the time there would have been an interesting ~~XXXXX~~ ~~XXXXX~~ letter for the whole time was filled with interesting experiences. But the litters moved too much to allow writing and the stops were always filled with necessary work.

We left Dr.Merritts at two o'clock, Sat.P.M., Oct.1st. It had taken all the morning to get the litters lined with felt and numerous appurtenances properly arranged in them or tied on to mule packs. We made quite a carravan - three litters and the organ which was tied on to litter pples and appeared almost like a litter in the distance, and several mules and donkeys with packs. These packs are V shaped frames of wood which fit on to the saddle and on to which the loads are tied. Our two steamer trunks are very nice loads and we had the pleasure of watching them with our two willow chairs (bought in Tientsin) tied on top - legs up - almost all the journey. Our organ had Mr.W'S mattress (the one he used every night) tied on top and so had to go with us. We can be sure that that did not go over the mountains on a cart. Our other goods did go at least a part of the distance that way in spite of all that we could do.

Wed.P.M. Last evening a courier arrived unexpectedly for though he was several days over due he had been encumbered with a cow on the down trip and was not expected for some days more. We received a pleasant note from Charlie Kepler formerly of Berea, who reached Tientsin about the time we get here and is to be stationed there under the M.E.Board. Also Miss Hewett's wedding cards and letters from D Etta Hewett and D Etta

Thompson! We were so pleased that the change of name had actually occurred that we hardly thought of the missing home letters for a while. But where were they? Miss Bird says perhaps they did not have "Via.San.F." in the address and went around by the way of France. At all events they will get here sometime. Miss Bird had a very newsy letter from your neighbor, Miss Blain and as she told no evil tidings I think you must have been in usual condition. We have received no letter from Grandma or Percy since coming to China. Thursday A.M. Just then Ernest and Miss Bird came home from Chinese prayer meeting with an enthusiastic report. One young cloth merchant who has been coming to all the services regularly for some time and has paid close attention last night asked for prayers. He had never before taken a step and they feel very hopeful for his conversion. Then two of the opium patients also asked for prayers. So that was a very memorable prayermeeting. Of course it will be months before we can know whether these men are sincere and whether they will be steadfast but we must pray in faith.

Now to go back to the Thopmsons! As soon as Mr.T. reached Paotingfu he told Mr.W. that Miss Hewett was on her way to Tientsin and that they were to be married. We were much surprised but I thought best not to mention it in my home letter because I did not know whether they wished it to be known yet. Now they are almost here and we shall see them in a few days and know the particulars of the wedding - of which we are entirely ignorant at present. They will live at Jen Dun (pron. run tzum.) We liked Mr.T.quite well and when we saw Miss H. she seemed very happy. We are all inclined to think it a happy thing, but it certainly was a surprise.

Well, our first stage was a long one and we did not get to the inn till 8:30. My front mule fell down in crossing a narrow but deep ditch and that hindered a little. I thought at one time we should be tipped over into the muddy water but we were not. Two other times during the trip that mule fell but that was the worst time. The others did not cause the slightest alarm and the distance the litter drops at such a time is so small that the jar is not noticeable, in comparison with those we constantly get in a litter. None of the other litter mules fell at all. Ernest's front mule had a sore back and nearly upset the litter in Dr.Merritt's yard by turning too sharply. Twice later he capered a a little but never did any damage. Mr.W's litter got the side knocked off partly, in turning a sharp corner in a narrow street. But with these exceptions our journey was without accident. Two or three of the pack mules gave out and had to be replaced but that did not affect us. We were so late that night that the best rooms were taken but we were very comfortable as it was and Sunday morning we changed into the better rooms because they were dryer. The inns are much better than I had anti-

cipated. We did not notice vermin at all for several days. The few bites we did get were probably bed-bugs rather than mosquitos but though the latter are a more aristocratis nuisance our experience is in favor of the former. The children did not begin to suffer as much as they did in Tientsin. The litters are placed in the court near your door of your room and all the things are taken in every night. The rooms are mud walled and mud floored. There is a kang or two or them, a table, sometimes a chair or two and in one or two places we found an oil lamp which must have been after the same pattern spoken of in the Bible. Usually the rooms were in pairs, a smaller one opening off of a lafger one. We usually took the smaller one as the W's had to have the cooking and eating in theirs. The rooms were generally very dusty but not filthy (as I had supposed they would be), and frequently a servant was sent in to dust the kang and table before we took posession. The road to Shansi is traveled by foreigners a good deal and so we did not attract so much attention as I had expected. When we passed through a city or town the people would run ahead and cross the street on purpose to see the babies and would smile at them very nicely. Once or twice at noon the court would be filled with spectators while we were getting into the litters. But we had no trouble from people peeking in at the windows though it is not contrary to the Chinese idea of propriety to do so, and it is commonly done in parts where foreigners are not so numerous. Our Sundays were both very quiet and especially the last when we were right in the mountains in a beautiful place.

The litters are boxes about the same size of the organ box fastened between two poles. There is an opening on one side and the front sometimes on both sides. Seats can be fixed at both ends and that is the way Mr. and Mrs. Williams had theirs. But we had only one seat in ours and Ernestine sat on a little cushion of blankets in front of me. Ernest had a pile of things at one side of him to lay Mary on. The poles are fastened to the mule pack so the bottom of the litter would be just a little above the animals knees, so you see there was not a great distance to fall even if the animal did stumble. The motion of the litter made one quite sick at first and a little so at the beginning of the second stage. After that there was no trouble and the motion was not unpleasant, though it was too irregular to allow me to sleep as much as Dr.Merritt and others prophesied. There were a good many times, however, when I could have slept if Ernestine had not been with me. She slept considerable and was pretty happy most of the time. Miss Morrill gave her some picture books to look at and cut up and she amused herself with her scissors a great many hours. Then Ernest or the muleteer frequently handed in flowers or grasses for her to play with. There were a great many things that she enjoyed watching

from the window and then as a last resort I could always amuse her with a story. Ernest had a harder time with Mary but got along very well. We had several playthings handy but she never cared much for them. Her chief delight was a note book of Ernest's. She slept a good deal, however, and then sometimes I took her in with me or she went to Mrs. Williams so that Ernest could walk. The men did a good deal of walking but we women did not see any easy way of getting into the litter while it was up and so did not get any walks till just at the last, when one of the muleteers suggested a good plan. We felt rather sorry not to have discovered it sooner, but then we got along all right. It is perfectly easy to get into the litter when it is down but even the men found it difficult when up. We wadded a cash bag and kept Mary's bottle warm in that so that we had no trouble at all.

Our journey was nineteen stages, two each day except the first and fifth and the last. The fourth night brought us to some C.I.M. Missionaries in Whitlu and for several reasons it seemed best to stay there till noon the next day. Usually we got up at half past four or five and got under way in a hour and a half or two hours. We had to dress, pack up all our things, fold the bedding and put it into the cases, have our satchels tied on to the pack and drink a cup of cocoa or coffee and carry all our things out into the litter and arrange them. We had to look after the babies and get Mary's food but the W's had the meals for all of us, so we were always ready as soon as they. It should be said that the W'S brought two Chinese servants from Paotingfu and they attended to ~~the~~ folding the bedding and carrying the things. One of them who is a good cook did all the work of that kind. They have proved to be splendid boys and are a treasure. But in spite of the servants we all had to work lively to get ready in an hour.

Saturday P.M. The courier came back from Paotingfu this afternoon and so will leave early Monday morning. The mail has to be handed in to-morrow night and I suppose most of the mission will write a good deal to-morrow. I had hoped to finish the journey at least but it seemed impossible. Next time I will surely succeed.

My woman - her name I don't know yet - is reported to be at home making new clothes, and will probably be here in a few days. There will be quite a number of cares which she can take off of my hands at once, so I can be considerably relieved. Mr. Clapp had had a boy in training for us a short time before we came and we like him very much. He volunteers to do a good many things without asking and on the whole seems likely to make a good servant.

We are all well. Little Mary's swelling which I think I mentioned last mail is all gone. She is taking her malted milk still and I am putting in a little cream each time. Her colic has been quite persistent though

not troublesome at night often. But we think that the last few days shows a decided change for the better. She is as plump and rosy and smiling a baby as you care to see and grows more beautiful every day. She climbs around a great deal and is very active. Her last accomplishment is kissing. Now Percy you need not say that babies do not like to kiss and be kissed! She puts her little mouth up to ours, or to our cheek again and again sometimes of her own accord and sometimes by pur request and whenever she begins she wants to make the circuit of the whole company. It is wonderfully sweet. She has no words yet but they are coming.

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Thursday P.M. March 16th.

A venture to add a P.S. to this letter thinking that probably you are also will have written of Dr. Polhemus's serious illness which began a week ago. He is a few with a fever which ensued brings up the usual are hoping for the usual of another physician - Wright or Houghton. It seems more alarming in consulting with his recent illness that we reached the province. We are all hoping and praying for his speedy recovery. Yours in the Master's work.

Jennie P. Smith

Pai Ku, Shansi, China.
March 11th - 93.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. Am. Board,

Dear Sir,

We have now passed our first Winter in China. The weather from now on will gradually become warmer and by imperceptible degrees it will be Summer. The past five months have not seen any decrease in health and strength in our family or in the others in the Station, except perhaps Mr. Clapp. He is now taking a week's rest at Fen Chow Fu. He is careful about many things & it is well that he has been reinforced.

I have nearly completed my first study of the half year's work in Wade. This gives me ample time for a careful review. Mrs. A. has been able to study some nearly every day and has been over four lessons in Wade quite carefully. She is able to talk considerably with the servants now.

We have sent for Dr. Merritt's cook in Pao Ting Fu who

is out of work now that the Doctor leaves for America. If he comes in here we will commence to board ourselves. It has been exceedingly pleasant for us to be with Mr. & Mrs. Williams so far and I believe they have enjoyed having us with them. Their servants do their work very well without very much over sight.

A few day ago Dr. Goldsbury & I walked out of the city to the S.E a little way looking for a suitable location for hospital and mission ground. The graves are so numerous everywhere and the land is so completely cut up and on different levels from one small field to another, that it is exceedingly difficult to find a spot large enouth for the purpose anywhere in the open country! One would scarcely think it possible but such is the case. I think the best place we saw this time contained a half dozen or more graves on one corner. To find a place large enough is hard and how much more to buy it. "Let patience have her perfect work" was surely written for those who work here. Believing that the Lord is with the work in this place, I am,

Sincerely yours,
E. R. Atwater.

Mrs. Jennie P. Atwater.
Tai-kiu,
March 11, 1893
Recd May 10

Le Man Chmang June 8th. 93.

Dr. Judson Smith,
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.:-

Dear Sir:-

Since our arrival in China, not being certain as to what was expected of a missionary's wife in the matter of correspondence, I have allowed other things to occupy my time. But as we have been specially favored in our journey and home making, I thought perhaps this would be a good opportunity to tell a little from my standpoint.

I don't advise people to take his little children and go across continents and oceans for pleasure. Yet our trip was enjoyable and even restful and all of us were ~~very~~ in better condition when we reached Taiku than when we left Oberlin. Since we arrived the weather and everything else has been unusually fine. The old residents think it one of the best Winters they have ever known and now the cool weather is holding on much beyond the usual season for extreme heat. June, they say is apt to be the very hottest month.

Our Summer home is probably the nicest, or at least the best suited to our needs, of any that was ever occupied in this mission. After failing to obtain any of the suitable places known to be in Lunan, Mr. Ashmore

rented this at a lower price than ever before, and it seemed very Providential. There is room enough here for another family, but Miss Bird and we have it all to ourselves.

We have a fine place for a tennis court but have not got it made yet. At present our recreation is mountain climbing. Miss Bird & I have taken several trips of that kind, none of them over two & a half hours long, but have climbed high enough to see some fine views. No wolves have made their appearance yet, though they are undoubtedly quite numerous in this region and we would not risk ourselves outside after dark or even at dusk. The servant who always accompanies us serves not only to make our walk respectable in the eyes of the Chinese but also as protection from wild animals.

At present Mr. Atwater and Miss Bird are very busy studying. Their examination comes next week and then they both plan to take a rest. I have not been able to study very much and can not take an examination yet, though I have hopes of doing so sometime. If I could get over the ground in twice or thrice times the allowed time I should be very well satisfied. But I may not be able to do even that.

Of course Mr. Atwater is not able to preach or

hold regular services on Sunday, though he does lead our daily worship with the servants and occasionally makes a few remarks. Miss Bird has been having an afternoon Sunday School class which they all attend, though of course they are at liberty to stay away if they wish and I think she would rather not have the Chinese teacher attend. He and two of the servants are Christians and are well instructed in the Bible. The others are new and have almost no understanding of the "Doctrine." I was much interested last Sunday in the answers they gave. When asked "Where is Jesus now, today?" they hesitated a while & one suggested the chapel in Taiku and another heaven. Finally a third said "He was every where." Miss Bird asked what book contained Jesus' words & received the reply "The Catechism." In talking about prayer one man suggested that no one who could not read could pray. The ideas get into their minds very slowly and more slowly still into their lives and hearts. But they do get in by God's help and we can see how much good results from it.

It seemed as if we could not spare Mrs. Goldsbury to go home. There is so much work that needs to be done. The work among the women would soon grow if there were anyone to tend to it. We are hoping and praying for more young ladies right away and for a doctor. During our short stay in this

place his opinion cases have been hurried away and it seems very hard to be unable to do anything for them.

When Mr. & Mrs. Elapp leave next Spring Taiku will be rather poorly provided with workers. We surely hope that there will be some new comers before that time.

In Le Man we have more callers than in the city and I am very anxious to be able to talk with them and return their calls. At present I am obliged to depend on Miss Bird pretty much. She is certainly a very fine help in such things and we are very fortunate in having her with us this year.

We are still cherishing a hope that you Mrs. Smith may visit us sometime. We have spent considerable thought on plans for the division of your time so as to get in all the missions, ~~Bo~~ and we realize that it would be very difficult to crowd it all into one year. But we certainly think Shansi is not the one to be slighted. Its circumstances are so much different from the others that it especially needs your personal inspection. Then to the coast missions are frequently visited by other missionaries and travelers so that you can hear from them. But of this work you will not know except by the reports of the workers themselves. Yours Sincerely in Christ's Service-

Jennie P. Alviston

Le Man Shiang, June 8, 1893
Field, Aug. 2

Tarku, Shansi, Nov 14

Dear Uncle Willie & Aunt Emma

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This year finds us in a new home, and it seems like heaven a very pleasant one. Our main rooms have south exposure and lots of windows so we have a great deal of sun, in spite the seasons cours. Plenty of sun compensates somewhat for a very common which is almost inseparable from Chinese houses. --- We have to put on hats and cloaks to go to meals, to church & study. --- I only hope we shall be able to stay our full term of service, and then go home for a nice visit with a sure prospect of coming back. ---

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Taku, Nov. 14, 1893.

Rec'd Jan. 29, 1894.

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Taiku Shansi China.
February 1st 1894.

Dr. Judson Smith:-
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.:-
Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find the blank which you desired filled out by Mr. Atwater and myself. Hope the information is satisfactory and complete.

I also enclose a letter to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Dr. Merritt J Pawling jr. If you will kindly forward it it will be a great favor. Also, we would like to know whether they are expecting to return this Fall.

I am in receipt of an unanswered letter from your office dated Aug. 2nd 93. We are still hoping to hear of your visit to China in the near future. If we can predict at all from our experience of the journey, it will be much pleasanter than you anticipate even in spite of some such drawbacks as sea sickness. And there is not a man or a woman in the employ of our Board who would not feel strengthened and gladdened by it.

There does not seem to be a great deal to write of our work here. Mr. Clapp and Mr. Williams have

Mrs. Jennie S. Atwater
Feb 1894

undoubtedly written of the six who were baptized last Sunday, and of the fine row of eight men and one woman who were received on probation. It is a little comfort to me to think that that one woman was called to our place to help me take care of my babies. Her small feet however made that impossible, and she was kept by Mrs. Williams and myself as sewing woman. Mrs. Williams and Miss Bird and Mrs. Cloff have all helped to teach her. I did not know enough of the language to help in that - but it was my need that brought her in reach of those who could teach her. Miss Bird says she seems very sincere and is deeply convicted of her sin especially that of killing our infant daughter.

Just recently a woman of high rank came & called on Mrs. Williams & Cloff bringing a letter from Mrs. Alford, who met her while under treatment by the doctor. She asks to be taught of the "doctrine". Mrs. Cloff leaves soon for home. Miss Bird is already over worked. Mrs. Williams has her little baby. My first thought was that I could teach her. But second thoughts say I ought to study and prepare to do better work before trying it. I am teaching the woman

who lives on our place a little but to go off every day or so would take a good deal of time and it ought to be put onto study.

We are greatly hoping for a doctor this Fall and praying that the Lord will send the right man at the right time.

Mr. Abwalin has just been away on a two weeks trip. He had a good view of the work at the capital by the C. P. M and English Baptists. And also of the work of a man of the Latter Board at Hsin Chow - fifty miles north of there. His object however was the filling of a troublesome tooth and the right seeing was purely incidental.

Yours Sincerely in Christ's Service

(Mrs) Jennie Pond Abwalin

Taiku, Feb. 1-1894
Rec'd April 9

Taiku Shanai Thursday May 10th. 94.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.;-

Dear Sir;-

Your letter of March 17th to my husband came by the last mail and was enjoyed by him just before leaving for Liman to make a few additional repairs on our Summer home. He is and is likely to continue to be so busy that I will answer. He wished very much to write for last mail but did not succeed.

We think perhaps we will find it easier to fulfill our duty in letter writing to the Home Office when we get through with language study and into the work. The things that are of most interest to us now are not such as are valuable in home letters. My husband comes frequently into my sitting room with an expression of triumph on the discovery of a new primitive which makes the remembering of several difficult characters much easier. But that does not mean much to any one who has not tried Chinese. Oh he might report with what success he punished me of his pupils in the Mark class. But that is quite like the same thing at home.

She is teaching three classes - in Mark and John and one in simple Geography. He finds it very pleasant and profitable as a language study & practice. And he is very glad to help Miss Bird out to that extent. We are all sorry that she must delay, or give up entirely finishing her course in Chinese, but she has made such a brilliant success in speaking she needs it less than most. There is nobody in the mission who speaks as well as she, except Dr. Atwood.

Of course we are much interested in all the signs of progress in the work as other people carry it on, and are trying to keep it along as much as possible. Mr. Alivatu is conducting the Sunday School this term and teaching the Bible class - if that is the proper name to call the class of servants & grown up men. They are not really so well informed on Bible or other topics as the school boys.

My woman proved to be a bad character so I was forced to dismiss her and am not doing any teaching just now. If I succeed in getting another I shall try again.

We were quite disappointed to hear that Miss Hemiman is sent to Peking and yet we re-joice

that they are to have such a helper there. I have just written to Miss Eda Hicks of Oberlin, hoping she will come out here. She used to help me by the hour while in Oberlin so I had an unusually good chance to know how energetic and efficient she is and I believe her to be just the right kind of a girl for a missionary. She graduates this year from Oberlin.

I wish to write a word about our houses here. As you will see in the Annual Meeting report, it was unanimously voted to renew the application for money to build outside the ~~city~~ city. When we first came to Taiku we heard it said that a Chinese house in Dr. Allen's opinion could not be made healthful. It seemed very strange to us at the time the houses look so substantial and good. But I begin to realize it at last. The trouble is not in the arrangement mainly though that is bad. But in the bricks, which are only partially baked and draw moisture from the ground in a remarkable way. One fact came to our notice recently. Mrs. Claffs's bed room opened off from a sitting room where there was constant fire. Both rooms had a full South Sun and Mrs. C

is unusually faithful to air & ventilation constantly. The house is higher than the court and the court very high above the street so the place has every possible advantage of drainage. Yet the back of her wash stand collected what she called mold. I am inclined to think it was only the alkali formation that is omnipresent here but in either case it was caused by moisture. When I heard that I thought we surely must build our own houses and either put in stone foundations or a row of bricks boiled in tar & so made impervious to moisture. Our present quarters are, of course, altogether too cramped for present work, not to mention growth.

The place we live on is only a little above the street level and it is no surprise to see dampness on the walls. We have big fires and even so much sun & ventilation and I think shall not suffer for a time. But our guest room is really almost unmendurable and I do not know but we shall have to keep a fire there all the time next Winter in order to have it dry enough for use when needed. Coal is expensive but I don't see any other way.

Another illustration of the porous quality of our

bricks is seen in our Linan place - rented. It is not only on high ground, but the rooms we use are all in the second story with a porch along the front. This porch is not covered and of course in hard rains water stands an instant although it slopes well and has a good arrangement for drainage. About two feet above the porch floor, the walls show a water line just such as we have here, only perhaps not quite so high. You see the moisture must soak in very very rapidly for the porch gets dry as soon as the rain stops.

You wrote last year advising me to try to study a little every day. The first few months I did not succeed in doing much but last Summer did considerable. In the Fall again I was interrupted a good deal but recently have done almost full work in spite of my household & children. We are to be examined in June and I plan to take the six months work plus a little more perhaps 8 or 10 months' work altogether. I take care of my children myself even when I have a woman so I do not think they are being neglected. Mr. Ut-vatin has had a good year of study, in spite of interruptions that kept him from work about

fifteen weeks altogether. That includes a little vacation he took after the examination last June the time of repairing this place and moving, three visits to Fen Chow fu, one for pleasure one for Annual Meeting, and one to assist in sickness, + a trip to Tai Yu en fu + Hsin Chow fu dentistry. His examination will cover nearly his year's work.

We are all in excellent health and are very thankful to have needed a doctor so little this year. We however want one just as much as ever and were delighted at hints a few mails ago that one was found. Several of the last mails have brought no word at all which makes us anxious but there has been some cause of delay or failure to appoint.

Please give my love to Mrs. Smith.

Yours in Christ's Service

Jennie Pond Atwater.

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Rec'd June 21

Yaiku, Shansi, Nov. 21st. 1894.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.;-
Sec. American Board;-
Boston Mass.

Dear Doctor Smith:-

We have been very sorry to hear of your ill health and to miss your letters for the last few months. But we hope the change and rest has done all that was hoped and that you and Mrs Smith are now in full strength and vigor.

It was only a mail or two after your farewell letter that we received official notice of Dr. Hall's appointment. That word reached us some what later than the day of his embarkation but Mr. Price with remarkable promptness, made preparation and started almost at once and as he was favored with a quick journey, reached Lientsin only a day or two later than Dr. Hall and family. We have now had the pleasure of their presence in our midst for a month and you can perhaps imagine a little of the thankfulness and relief we are all enjoying.

We did not intentionally incur illness just to give him work! But he found the members

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of the Laiku Station nearly all out of order and we have already been obliged to call on his professional services.

This Fall has been remarkably damp and rainy & in consequence most of our walls show water marks high up on the whitewash. You perhaps remember that our present home was that occupied by Dr. Goddsburg, and Dr. Alford said we might as well go home as move in here. We did so because we felt that there was no chance of finding a better one in Taiku and the other place could not hold us all and the work. After a year & a half, we and all the members of the Taiku station feel that the place is not suitable at all but that it averages nearly a quite as good as the other one which is mostly mission property and is now occupied by Mr. Williams and family and Misses Bird & Partridge. They are quite a little more elevated above the street level and have a larger proportion of reasonably dry rooms. But they have much more street smells and attractions of that kind being on a main street.

Our main big room, used as sitting room

and bed room is higher than the others and I can see no signs of dampness here, though there are undoubtedly some behind our tall wardrobes & would be visible in other places if we should leave for any length of time and close it up.

The adjoining sleeping room has water lines high as my head on three sides, despite of a steady fire and constant sunshine & ventilation all the Fall. Mr. A's study and the dining room are equally bad while the servants' quarters and kitchen are very much worse. The whole house was freshly white washed in the early Fall, so all these marks show present moisture.

On the other place there are two or three rooms about as near dry as our large one. But Mr. W's study, the plastering of which was so badly disintegrated by water during the Summer that it had to be thoroughly scraped before white washing, now looks quite as badly as it did at the end of the rains, before the Fall repairs. They are using some North rooms which get no sunshine and are also very bad.

Mr. Williams' court never sees the sunshine on the pavement. It gets down only to the

lowest bricks of the house. The court occupied by the young ladies is the large court of both places and gets a little sun. Ours has just seventeen feet between the eves of opposite buildings and about 20 feet in the ground. Consequently we get just seventeen feet of sunshine for a moment at noon and something less than that for four hours. The rest of the day there is none at all on the pavement and most of the time not any any where as the walls are high on all four sides of the court.

The weather is still mild and my children, who need the stimulus and help of out door exercise, could play all day long in a sunny unpaved court, but can scarcely play at all in these without taking cold. I dress them in double stockings and heavy shoes with thick insoles and clothes correspondingly warm especially about their legs. But they can't be dressed so as to keep warm feet where the bricks are so terribly damp and cold below and the sun so hot on their heads. Our bricks are imperfectly burned and very porous and the sun instead of heating them seems

to draw up the moisture from the ground below and keep it always evaporating on top. The bricks are nearly always damp even when everything else is parched with drought. The effect on the natural earth is totally different. We spent four days in Fen Lsim recently and the little girls played out doors from morning till night with the result of throwing off colds of several weeks' standing. But they began to cough again as soon as we returned home.

I can not avoid considerable anxiety about the little ones for this Winter. Last season was very much worse in number and severity of colds than our first one. And this Winter they have already made a very bad start. I don't see how we can come back here for another Winter. But the situation of the Williamses is equally trying. We all feel like laying his Summer's suffering & weakness, lasting from the middle of June till the first of November to the malaria & poison of Tarkea from which he had just departed before his first attack. Yet there seems no possibility of improvement till we get our appropriation and even if that could be immediately granted, it would take more than

we season to get into the new quarters.

Mr. Alvarez is making enquiries and looking around a little to see if perchance there may be in some of the villages around Taiku, another place like Jen Tsim which could be rented till we can get something more satisfactory. But it is a hopeless undertaking. If any such places existed they would have been discovered before.

When we first came to Taiku our children were the pictures of health and Mrs. Telaff remarked sadly that they would "lose their Roses in a year or two." I did not then think it would prove true, for the general climatic conditions seemed favorable, and I did not appreciate the peculiar difficulties of this particular location. Dr. Alind and the Prices are nicely situated with large yards and empty land all around. The Davis place is still an improvement on ours though their courts are paved. The Jen Tsim location is splendid. We in Taiku are in what Dr. Nelson calls the worst city on the plain, and are certainly in quite as unfavorable surroundings as any tenement district at home.

I do not mean to imply that our children have lost all their good health or color but they are certainly losing a little strength & endurance each year. And Mr. Abbott and myself have been quite afflicted with malaria this Fall.

If it were a question of living here or leaving the work undone we would all fight it out to the end. But the work would prosper quite as well or better in a village. It is simply a question of money.

Every body admits that the general character of the climate, while requiring considerable care in adjusting our manner of life, is rather favorable.

It is only the filth and contagion and emptiness of these vile cities that stand in the way of long life and hard work.

The missionaries on the field are now quite thoroughly unanimous in these sentiments. The danger of the situation does not usually appear to newcomers, but Dr. Hall has seen it very plainly in a month.

The redeeming feature of our home is the fact that our large sitting room faces the South, and as the front is nearly full of windows extending a distance considerably wider than the main court, and as

these windows are higher & nearer the tops of the buildings the sun shines around the corners of those buildings and gets into the house for quite a large part of the day. We enjoy every inch of its brightness and sorrow to see the last of it as it leaves in the afternoon some time - an hour & a half or two hours before sun set.

We have spent two happy years in Taiku and feel that the Lord has blessed us. But we hardly expect Him to work miracles for our especial benefit and feel that it is tempting His goodness to stay in such surroundings.

We are all praying that the Lord will open the hearts & purses of His people and make it possible for us and others to have the ~~have the~~ money so much needed.

Yours Very Sincerely in Christ's service
Jennie Pond Alvater

Taiku Shansi

Taiku, Nov. 21, 1894.
Rec'd Jan. 18, 1895.

Taiku, Shansi March 12th 95.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Secretary of the A.B.C.F.M.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Doctor Smith;-

On receipt of your letter of Dec. 6 my husband felt quite conscience smitten that no word from him had reached you. But many days could not have passed before you heard, for we recorded in our letter book that was due in Boston not long after. Your absence from the Board rooms was not realized here till nearly half gone and we did not reckon accurately enough as to when you would return, so that our first letters were late. Sickness in October and the first of November was also a delaying circumstance.

Mr. Atwater is still a student mostly. He takes charge of the Sunday School and has a turn in leading the prayer meeting, beside some little care of our shipments etc and occasionally preaching a Sunday if Mr. Williams needs it. But Taiku is pretty well manned without him and certainly will be when Mr. Elsaff returns. If it were not for the financial stringency it certainly seems as if a new station could be opened by some one.

Rec'd Jan. 21, 1894.

Mr. Atwater is pushing hard to finish the three & a half years' course of study before the examination in June. The Fall sickness delayed him and he has not a moment to space.

Mr. Williams will undoubtedly write of the first Annual Meeting of the Taiku church which took place on the 6th inst. Otherwise there is nothing special to write of the work. All China and Shansi in particular is in a state of mental & spiritual stagnation. We are praying for the Lord's Spirit to awaken this people and hoping that possibly this war, unjust as it is, may be His instrument. We as yet feel no effects of it here except in a little inconvenience in getting our goods from the coast. We hear threats of a blockade which would be worse yet. The people show no new signs of hostility nor as yet are they aroused at all to their danger. Their pride is as arrogant as ever in spite of the disgraceful revelations of the past months. They call the Japanese "rebels" and still claim all the kingdoms of the world as their tributaries. Nothing but a total overthrow will teach them that there is any thing outside of China.

Our small city was quite thoroughly roused last Friday by an accident. There was a theatre

play in a temple near me and one large stand with a high roof but no walls was full of women and children, - when the roof fell without an instant's warning. Chinese roofs are made up of immense logs larger than the old fashioned buildings at home even with very heavy bricks and tiles on top. The destruction was terrible, and to add to the difficulty no one took any command of affairs so an immense crowd gathered and blocked up the way of the immediate relatives of the victims who tried to assist the wounded and carry off the dead. There were probably at least 30 of the latter and a larger number of the former but they soon added to the number of the dead for the Chinese know nothing of how to help such cases and probably nine tenths will lose their lives. A few cases came for a foreign doctor and one man sent off four messengers to Fen Zorn for Dr. Hall who came the next day and saved his girls life probably by amputating an arm that was crushed and shattered to splinters up to the shoulder almost. She slept well the night after the operation and seems likely to be well in a short time. The other cases were hopeless and he could do nothing for them.

The next afternoon Mr. Alvater and Dr. Hall

went to the scene of the accident. There was little to see there, except the body of an old woman, thrown down on the ground outside the gate & covered by a piece of matting. An official underling was on ground to drive off dogs & birds. They were told that the old woman had no friends in the city but a daughter at a slight distance who had been sent for. In the mean time that was the best provision either public or private charity could make for her. If she had been still breathing it would probably have been very little different!

My husband intends to write me frequently and certainly will do so before many months pass. But as he has no special news of the work itself and feels that his first duty is to his study, perhaps you can excuse a little remissness at present.

Please remember me to Mrs. Smith with love.

Yours very Sincerely

Jennie Pond Atwater.

Tacoma, March 12, 1895.
Rec'd Mary J.

Taiku, Shansi, April 25th 1895.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Secretary of A.B.C.F.M.
Boston Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Two bags of mail were handed in this morning while I was making a brief call on Mrs. Hall. Among the letters were yours of Feb. 8, & 13, to my husband and myself. We thank you very much for such a hearty and sympathetic response to the statement of our needs. We wrote from overflowing hearts and it is a comfort to know that it was understood.

The financial situation of the Board gives us great distress aside from any personal reasons. We can realize that in the older and larger missions the distress must be much greater than here but we pray the Lord to bring blessing out of it all. The Appeal that came to our Secretary, also by this courier, looking toward a reduction of salary, will be prayerfully considered. It will come rather hard to those who like Mr. Williams had resolved to pay running expenses of regular work out of their own salary rather than drop any part of the work. And it will be rather hard for some

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who like ourselves, came to the field largely in debt and have not yet entirely paid it up. However exchange has been and is still somewhat favorable to us here in China so that our salaries have had more purchasing power than formerly. This state can not last long and there are already signs of a decline in silver with reference to cash or our every day currency.

I thought this afternoon to write just a little of the Annual Meeting which has just taken place and which was a remarkably pleasant occasion. Taiku was the appointed place but at the last moment it was changed to Jen Lim where the whole mission with the exception of Mr. Price & family and Miss Partridge were entertained by Mr. & Mrs Thompson with the assistance of Mr. & Mrs. Davis who have been and are boarding at Mr. L's table. There were 21 to sit down at the long table when nine of the children, of whom there were eight, were kept away by naps, ealy bed time etc. Mr. Thompson & Davis presided one at each end, over the heavier parts of the meal while Mrs. T & D served the tea & dessert from the center. Mrs. L had given her cook a Chinese bill of fare for the whole week and I mention it as a triumph of planning that in spite of all the

emergencies arising from a crowded house, outside servants and so many people both old & young all together, she did not leave the table but once during the whole six days. It is needless to say that we had a double pleasure in being united not only in the regular meetings but at the table and evening prayers. At Chimsi prayer service in the morning several of the guests were detailed to service with the school & servants & some bed ridden patients and on Sunday there were, I believe 200 or so outsiders who came in of curiosity to see the foreigners but went away having heard at least a word of Gospel.

This meeting will always be remembered as one of especially refreshing devotions. From the Easter Sermon by Mr. Williams, which was the opening service, and the regular prayer meeting on Monday evening where the presence of so many - 13 adults - was mutually helpful, clear through the half hour of devotions at the beginning of the business sessions and the evening prayers - all were precious seasons of prayer and were blessed by the Lord.

The business itself did not seem of so much importance this year. The most discussion and most important decision was about the removal of the Taiku Station. It was the unanimous opinion of the present residents of Taiku and of

some other that to remove to Li Man was to give up Taiku & open a new station. The distance is only 8 or 10 miles but when a Chinese cart is the common vehicle that is more of an obstacle than ~~an~~ a hundred at home, both with reference to foreigners going to the people or the people coming to them. So the effort will be made to go to some place only a mile or two outside where health can be found probably but not convenience. Mr. Williams is now hunting for some such place.

Mr. Davis requested to be transferred to Pen Lim and my husband was voted to the Davis place in Fen Chow Fu. Both these plans had been carefully talked over for months before hand and are perhaps as good as could be made under the present circumstances. If funds had been more plentiful Mr. Atwater would probably have asked permission to open a new station.

Our family have made the regular change for the Summer somewhat earlier than usual. Instead of being alone as in past years Dr. Hall and his family are our neighbors and Mr. Williams & the young ladies will come in a month. Mr. Atwater is in Taiku preparing to move our goods to the other end of the plain as the roads are

quite likely to be in bad condition early in the Fall and others may need the house, or if success crowns their efforts to find a healthier place the house we have occupied will be returned to its owners after quite a process of dismantling such as taking out window glass, wood floors etc and the restoration of the range.

Although not personally acquainted with Sec. Strong or Treas. Ward we were were sorry to hear of their ill health and hope it will not be of long duration.

Please give my love to Mrs Smith.

Yours in Christ's Service

Jennie Pond Alwater.

Taiku, Shansi, China,

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Rec'd Oct. 21

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Sec. A. B. C. F. M.;-

Boston Mass;-

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed a copy of a resolution with signatures, the original of which is preserved among the records of the Shansi Mission.

Mr Price will undoubtedly write you of the reasons for making this request, the main one of which, I believe, is concerning his son. Stuart.

In the absence of my husband I have copied this resolution and forward it to you. A letter from you to him came in by the mail since he left and will be answered later.

Our latest news is of

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SAMPLE OF THE WAR REPORTS CIRCULATED IN SHANSI, CHINA

The armies of China and Japan fought until the third month (of the present year). After peace had been declared China handed Formosa over to Japan. Unexpectedly the Formosans did not want to be handed over to them. The Japanese went there and their soldiers attacked the Japanese from the fourth month till the last of the first fifth (This year has an intercalary month called the second fifth month, beginning the 23rd of June) month. Formosa's Commander-in-chief, Liu I, fought more than thirty battles. The Japanese in a word, did not win a single battle but first and last, by secret strategem General Liu killed thirty thousand Japanese soldiers and destroyed some thirty odd iron battle ships and captured twenty odd.

Afterward, Japan also sought help from Western nations - English, French, Americans and Russians, - to attack Formosa. Each country responded favorably the sixth day of the second fifth month. Each country, and Japan brought thirty iron battle ships and thirty or forty wooden ones. They were all filled with braves - 80,000 or 90.000 or more. They went to Tai Nan Fu and An Ping Kou and fought a battle. General Liu by the use of a secret strategem of fire began the contest sixty li outside of An Ping Kou on the sea, on the sixth of the month in the evening. Suddenly the fire started up on the surface of the water. The foreigners made up their minds that they wanted to set sail and depart. But General Liu's marines under the water bound fast all their ships with iron chains, so that they could not stir. On the seventh of the month the fire ceased for the foreign ships and soldiers were all burned up.

This battle was like the ancient "Red wall of fire" battle. Immediately every foreigh nation feared General Liu as one does a tiger. On the eighth and ninth of the month General Liu's braves took ten iron battle ships, thirty of forty thousand Formosa aborigines, and ten thousand odd black flags, and attack Japan. They immediately captured in Japan Ch'ang Chu K'.., Ta Pao Fu, Nia Kuan Tao, and many other places. They also captured their arms without number. The Japanese people of all kinds were wounded and killed in immense numbers. From such a chistisement Japan cannot be at peace in a day.

Sent from Tientsin in the twenty-first year of the Emperor Kuang Hsi, 2nd Fifth month, 28th day. (June 23rd, 1895.)

Li Man Sprt. 11th, 1895.

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We are still here, though we had hoped to be Fen Chou Fu before this time. The roads were too bad so Ernest came back yesterday noon. He brought a new horse which he calls my birth-day present. It is mouse colored and quite pretty, but small and probably not strong enough for all his work, so he will get another if he can. It is the perfection of gentleness, and lets the children play around and pet it, stands still while one mounts and seems very nice. It is seven years old and cost ten dollars or possibly eleven. I shall get lots of comfort and good out of it. I am quite sure that for equal distances and equal time I can ride a horse with very, very much less fatigue than in a cart. And we can probably never get our family and things all into one cart; but can manage all by the addition of a horse. We will try using a pack and it may prove as good as a saddle. It will cost much less.....

Dr.Hall is very ill with rheumatic fever. He has suffered severely and Mr.Davis has been here helping take care of him. Now Ernest will take his share and Dr.Atwood came last night.

Just now the four children were playing in the yard and Ernestine laid her hat down for a few minutes. When she looked at it again there was a big scorpion in it! ..... Yesterday there was a funeral near here of a man who had recently killed his son and then was taken ill and died. I asked if killing his son was called a crime, and the woman said "Oh, no, that is not anything".

Rowena is coming back to Taiku to-day, Louise will go in and they two will keep house until the Williamses go in. It is too bad to go into the City so soon after the rains but I don't know how it is to be helped. I have given up going down to F.C.F. alone. Ernest may have to stay here some time, on account of Dr.Hall and I shall stay awhile at least.

Fri.13th. We are all well. Dr.Hall seems a trifle better. I took the four children riding yesterday on my horse with Dr.Hall's two horses. He has just bought one for his children. I shall be glad when I can get a saddle.

The Taiku school opens with an unusually large number of pupils and we see no signs of hostility here as yet. .....Sunday P.M. some medicine was wanted and neither of the men could leave Dr.Hall, so Louise rode into Taiku on the mule, taking the carter along to lead him if he proved unruly. We all thought Louise a brave girl. Her horse has a bad sore. This afternoon she made a frame to put over Dr.Hall's bed and hold his arm. He had fallen and strained his wrist then the rheumatism agravated it so it is quite painful. She is quite a genius in many ways. The Dr. is having a hard time, and so are his nurses, still there are some hopeful signs.

We need the clothing that is in F.C.F. .....

Much love, dear mamma. Jennie.

Li Man, Shansi, Sept. 11th, 1895.

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Dear Papa:-

I send these documents to you not to alarm you, but because we need help. There seems to be no way of making our Ministers do their duty but through the people at home. Can not you do something to make a sentiment at home? .....

The above paper is diligently circulated in all our cities. The world knows how absurd it is, but the Chinese do not. They are accustomed to the assertion that China never has been defeated, that all the world outside are barbarians and depends of China; that the English and other foreign embassadors who come to Pekin come bringing tribute every year. The people believe all these lies, and are now ready to believe implicitly the tale above; and we have proof that they are doing so. Notice that this paper asserts that the foreign nations including America took part with China's enemies. That will rouse hatred. Next notice how insignificent their efforts are made to appear, so that no Chinaman need fear the combined efforst of the whole outside world. Put all this with the known hostility of Chang Chih Tung and the prospect is very dark, unless immediate action is taken demanding the public execution of Chung Chih Tung and Chou Han the author of these lying documents. China will pay indemnity, and behead any number of citizens and still the officials will go on promising to protect us and secretly stirring up murder, but if Chang Chih Tung were beheaded all China would necessarially know that there was some power in foreign nations. The officials could not go on lying in that way because they would have to give some reason for his death. As Chang Chih Tung is a good ruler from a Chinese standpoint and a favorite with the people, his death would make a sensation; and do more to protect foreigners than any other possible event except the presence of a foreign govenor in every provincial capital and district.

The treaty of peace with Japan is likely to prove the beginning of evils to foreigners in China. Oh, that Japan had taken the capital city! Oh, that the governments at London and Washington could be made to realize the danger of their citizens out here. Then they would not trust the lies of the Chinese officials.

It will be hard for you at home to realize how much such lies can do here. They could not keep up that kind of reports about the war in China; as there were too many who saw it themselves, but Formosa is far enough off to permit of anything the officials choose to say. The people are eagerly buying a set of pictures exhibiting the defeat of the foreigners. They are sold in front of the City hall. I never saw the need of increasing our navy while at home, but now I see how the U.S. could be a greater power for good if it had more gun-boats and more gumption to use them when necessary. The sight of a gun boat with threatened use if necessary would remove all necessity for powder. ..... Much love, Jennie P. Atwater

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The Taiku school opens with an unusually large number of pupils and we see no signs of hostility here as yet. .....Sunday P.M. some medicine was wanted and neither of the men could leave Dr.Hall, so Louise rode into Taiku on the mule, taking the carter along to lead him if he proved unruly. We all thought Louise a brave girl. Her horse has a bad sore. This afternoon she made a frame to put over Dr.Hall's bed and hold his arm. He had fallen and strained his wrist then the rheumatism agravated it so it is quite painful. She is quite a genius in many ways. The Dr. is having a hard time and so are his nurses, still there are some hopeful signs.

We need the clothing that is in F.C.F.....

Much love, dear mamma. Jennie.

Li Man, Shansi, Sept. 11th, 1895.

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Rec'd Nov 1895

Li Mau, Shanghai, Sept. 11th, 1895.

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Sample of war reports circulated in Shanei, China.

The armies of China and Japan fought until the third month (of the present year). After peace had been declared China handed Formosa over to Japan. Unexpectedly the Formosans did not want to be handedover to them. The Japenese went there and their soldiers attacked the Japanese from the fourth month until the last of the first fifth month. Formosa's Commander-in-Chief, Lin I, fought more than thirty battles. The Japanese in a word did not win a single battle but first and last by secret stratagem General Lin killed thirty thousand Japanese soldiers and destroyed some thirty odd iron battle ships and captured twenty odd.

Afterwards Japan also sought help from Western nations, the English, French, Americans & Russians to attack Formosa. Each country responded favorably the sixth day of the second fifty month. Each country and Japan brought thirty iron battle ships and thirty or forty wooden ones. They were all filled with braves, 80000 or 90000 and more. They went to Tai Nan Fu and An Ping K'ou and and fought a battle. General Lin by the use of a secret stratagem of fire began the contest

sixty li outside of An Ping Kou on the sea. On the sixth of the month in the evening, suddenly fire started up on the surface of the water. The foreigners made up their minds that they wanted to set said and depart. But General Lin's marines under the water bound fast all their ships with iron chains so that they could not stir. On the seventh of the month the fire ceased for the foreign ~~and~~ ~~their~~ ships and soldiers were all burned up. This ~~one~~ battle was like the [ancient] ~~fire~~ red wall of fire battle. Immediately every foreign nation feared General Lin as one does a tiger. On the eighth & ninth of the month General Lin's braves took ten iron battle ships and aborigines 30000 or 40000, Black Flags 10000 odd and attacked Japan. Immediately they captured in Japan Ch'ang Chi K'ou, Ta Pan fu, Ma Kuan Tao and many other places. They also captured their arms without number. The Japanese people of all kinds were wounded & killed in immense numbers. From such a chastisement Japan can not be at peace in a day.

Sent from Tientsin ~~1895~~ Kuang Hsü 21st year 2nd 5th month 28th day.

Li Mau, September 12th 93.

Rev. Judson Smith DD.
Sec. of A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir;-

Your letter to my husband of June 21st came by last mail. He will answer it soon, but is now away on mission business. He returned from Fen Chow Fu last Tuesday and went to Taiku the next day.

At the present writing Dr. Hall is seriously sick with rheumatic fever. He has suffered a great deal and is still suffering. Whether he is improving or losing ground can not yet be determined. Dr. Atwood was sent for Sunday noon and reached here late Tuesday night. This was remarkably quick and would have been impossible if both doctors had not owned good horses.

Enclosed please find a copy of a paper which will be mailed with this to the American Minister at Peking. We also send a translation of a paper that recently came into Dr. Atwood's hands. It is incredible - but true - that such a paper can find credence just after China's disgraceful defeat by Japan. But the Chinese are accustomed to the assertion

that China has never been defeated that all outside nations are barbarians and subjects of the "Middle Kingdom" and that the foreign ministers & representatives come to Peking to bring tribute! All enemies are called "rebels". Remembering these facts it is easier to believe that the above fable of ~~supen~~ invisible marines and mysterious fire ~~finds a~~ is readily believed. These documents are diligently circulated just now in our province. The statement that the Western nations including ours were willing to assist Japan would tend to rouse hatred of us and the brilliant conquest claimed for China & her General-Lin I would of course take away any fear that they may have entertained regarding the power of our government to protect or avenge us. The British and American Ministers have been strangely active regarding past outrages and now nothing will make our life & property in any degree secure except the death of several high officials. If Chang Chih Tung who is known to plot the death of all foreigners & Chou Han the author of inflammatory literature of various kinds were publicly beheaded - there would be some hope. This is a land in which common

thieves are hung and any punishment less than death is not counted of any consequence. Moreover the death of several members of the mob who did the work would be nothing to the point. Only that of the high officials who mitigate and assist the crime will count at all in the eyes of the Chinese government or be known by any number of the people. The Tsung Li Yamen the government will make all sorts of excuses and try to inveigle the foreign nations into accepting something less or at least something different. If the government representatives in China and those in power at home were to live in the interior of China and thus they would not be so reluctant to act vigorously in this matter. It is no slight matter to live where one's life & property is in imminent danger. But when that danger arises from the weakness of our home government in past years it is doubly hard to bear. A good stiff policy enforced by the presence of only one or two gunboats would be the salvation of many lives.

These are the sentiments of our missions unanimously I believe. Mr Thompson is a

British subject and so did not sign the appeal to the U.S. Minister. Dr. Hall is so sick it was not best to speak to him about it but they both agree in sentiment.

I am sending to my father by this mail an account of the indignation meeting in Shanghai. It is worth careful reading. I will ask him to send it to you after he has read it. Please notice especially the speech of Timothy Richards. He has been called the "Apostle to the Chinese Officials" because of his efforts to reach that class.

If there is any thing that can be done to wake up our government to the real situation we hope it will be done at once, if indeed it is not too late to act when this reaches you.

Yours Sincerely —

Jennie Pond Alexander

Le Mars, Sep. 12, 1895.
Rec'd Nov. 11.

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Atwater
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Fên chou Fu
Shan si
Sept: 14th 1898.

Rev: G. H. Daniels D.D.
Secy of Amer: Board

Dear Sir:—

My appointment as missionary of the American Board came by the last couriers. I desire to thank you heartily for the promptness with which you acted in my case & for the kindly welcome into your midst.

We are now fairly settled in our home after our time of rest at Yü-tao-hê, and ready for work. There are many things to encourage us this fall which I shall hope to write of soon.

With kind regards.
Believe me
Yours sincerely
Elizabeth G. Atwater

Thermic Clinic

Sept. 14. 1898.

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To Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

Your last letter informing us of the action of the Prud. Com and of our being retransferred to the Shansi Mission came by the last courier but one and should have been answered then but I was sick in bed with an attack of bilious fever from which I am glad to be fully recovered at present and I take the earliest opportunity of thanking the Com. for their action and also for their generous expression of confidence and expectation that we shall be of some advantage to the mission in its future work. Our prayer and hope is that we may not disappoint such expectation or prove ourselves unworthy of this confidence.

Mrs. Atwood was not at home when the letter arrived. She had gone to Chifoo to settle Paul in the Eng. Prot. school which is located there and in which we hope he may prepare for College and avoid the necessity of his returning to America for a number of years. I sent the letter by last courier and she is aware ere this of the action of the Com. I think she will feel glad to have the matter definitely

Cong. Library, Aug. 1?th 18?

St Augustine's Coll. N.C.
Raleigh, N.C.

My dear Dr. Quintard:

Your last letter enquiring as to the action of the Genl. Conv. and of our Board touching Colored Missions, should have been answered long since, but we had always been in the habit of waiting for more data in the hope of being able to give a more definite answer. But it is quite evident at present and I take the earliest opportunity of informing the Genl. Conv. that this Board cannot entertain the proposition that we should be of some advantage to the missions in the Western work. Our people are large in their views and disapproval and expectation or from another consulting of this Convention.

Our institution is now in the 4th year and is doing. Our school which is located there and which we hope to open before the College and small the necessarily of the beginning & attention for a number of years. But the latter by the opinion and the common use the idea of the action of the Conv. & Board. We will just plant it from the make disposition

settled and willing to return to the field of our first choice; although the breaking up of a pleasant home and severing newly formed ties of friendship will be a trial to her perhaps greater than to myself.

We are planning to ~~to~~ be in Tientsin about the last of Sep. to be ready to escort the Ladies, Miss. Bird and Miss. Hewitt, inland to Shansi and we should be delighted on reaching Tientsin to find the number increased by one or two missionary families besides.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Dr. McBride at Kalgan. leaving the station crippled again medically and Mrs. McBride more helpless. It seems a strange providence.

We are glad to be able to report ourselves all in usual health who are here at this station. Water is abundant and the poor people on the lowlands near the rivers have been driven from their homes by the thousands and there is much suffering in store for them a winter comes on. The Yellow river has again broken its banks and gone away to the south - relieving us of danger but bringing corresponding destruction to others in the South.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Smith and sincere love and respect to yourself

I remain

Yours faithfully

T. J. Atwood

Panza Springs, Aug. 1/8.
Special
Oct. 6/98

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Pang Chuang Sep. 28th 1890

My dear Dr. Smith:-

Your favour of Aug. 6th and also one of earlier date came duly to hand and I write a brief note to assure you that we are making preparations to meet the young ladies at Tientsin and escort them in to Shansi.

Mrs. Atwood returned from Chefoo greatly improved in health and we have been busy packing our goods so as to be ready.

Just now Dr. Porter is away at Lin-Ching to the assistance of Dr. Wagner who is seriously ill and has been for some days - evidently from the effects of overheating in the sun. We are hoping and praying for the best.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Smith from us both I remain as ever

Yours affectionately
D. J. Atwood

Pang Chuang, Sep. 28, 1890.
Rec'd Nov. 8.

Tientsin, Oct. 16th, 1890.

Rev. Judson Smith D. D.
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:—

I think I wrote you briefly of our preparation to go into Shansi. I was glad that Dr. Smith of the Canadian mission returned to Lin Ching in time to relieve Dr. Porter so that he could take the medical work off my hands at Pang Chuang

We had a very pleasant and short trip down the river occupying only two and one half days and we have been here since Oct. 9th waiting waiting for the ladies. A telegram from Mr. Jenksbury yesterday assures us that they will be here tomorrow so that we now have hopes of starting inland at once. It is none too early for the comfort of the ladies and especially for our little one

Indeed it is late in the season already and the cold in the mountains with no fire in the inns will be severe; so that I am not without apprehension for the health

to say nothing of the comfort of the party

Parties for Shansi ought not to arrive here much later than the 1st of Oct. unless they are prepared to endure the severe cold in the mountains and sleeping in the cold rooms of Chinese inns. This has been spoken of before, as I am aware; and I judge that circumstances of which we are not aware must have prevented an earlier departure from San Francisco and so we shall try to make the best of it; but if possibly by a little more foresight it can be avoided in future, some suffering and much inconvenience would be avoided.

I am impressed with the improvement in general appearances and convenience of the mission premises here especially for doing the business of the mission. Mr. Bostwick certainly is deserving of much praise in getting the premises arranged in such order as to facilitate business operations.

I am especially pleased to learn that he has made an arrangement by which freight can be sent through direct from here to Shan

This will relieve the brethren at Paotingfu greatly as well as the travellers themselves.

We are hoping to hear favorable news from Dr. Wagner by courier expected to-morrow.

We have decided to take Paul in with us this time since the end of his school year is so near at hand and an opportunity is presented for his returning with Mr. Bagnall to enter the new year in Feb.

Paul's schooling will tax our resources if he is to continue at Chefoo and I am constrained to ask if the Bord. Com. would grant us some thing to help us out on this score?

We are joyful at the thought of resuming soon our work among the people in Shansi and we hope the Lord may own our feeble efforts for him and use them for his own glory.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Smith from us both and also to yourself

I am as ever

Yours very respectfully

D. J. Atwood

P.S. The party have just arrived (6 O'Cl P.M.) in good health & spirits and we shall soon be off to Shansi I think.

Tientsin, Oct. 16, 1890.

Rec'd Dec. 1.

Tai Ku, Nov. 17th, 1890.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

I believe you have been advised of our safe arrival here about ten days ago. The journey, for the most part, was pleasant the cold weather holding off until the last three days. Our Edward suffered a congestive chill at Wiang Mên, three days from here, and had high fever for twenty-four hours. We were quite anxious for a time; but the Lord was merciful to us and delivered us safely out of this trouble.

At Shih Tieh we met Messrs. Farthing and Duncan of the Eng. Bap. mission who brought the unwelcome news that Dr. Goldsbury was down with low fever. We found him suffering a good deal and very weak from over-medication and loss of sleep. It seems now that he had "La Grippe" and its regular. He seems now on the gain but is very weak.

We had been here but four days when word came from Fen Chu fu that all the foreigners

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with one exception were down sick. I went immediately and arrived just in time to be of some help to Mrs. Davis who was quite severely ill, the others having mostly recovered from the first attack. The disease seems to be epidemic in Fen Chofu. The Heichi Tai – the Sup. of literary Examination, has just died with it and some business places were closed from lack of help (so many being sick). Whole families were down so that there were none to care for the sick.

Thursday's courier bringing word that Dr. Goldsbury was worse again, and that our Edward was quite sick, I hastened back and reached Tatsuhi early Sat. I was relieved to find Dr. G. and Edward both better. The Dr. is improving slowly I think; but he is very much run down and will need quiet and careful nursing for some time to come. He is ambitious and impatient at this delay in his plans of work; but is learning lessons of trust and reliance on God. Mrs. Goldsbury has been very brave and helpful in this trial.

The young ladies bring brave hearts to the work and have already begun at the language

All newcomers work at a disadvantage in having to begin the language here in this quagmire of gutteral pronunciation, and where a good teacher can not be found.

A school at the coast to teach Pekingese to newcomers would be a great economizer of time and effort.

The school here is a hopeful spot in the field and in time must result in much good. It seems sad that there is no one to carry on the evangelistic work in the villages. now that interest has been fairly awakened I long to go among the acquaintances in the villages to preach the Gospel; but it seems to be your wish as well as that of the brethren of the mission that I should go to Ze. Chofu for the sake of the medical knowledge I happen to have. I feel a deep conviction of the unwisdom of this course as poor economy of forces; and yet I do not wish to oppose my judgement to that of the mission and shall try to submit willingly. It is a disappointment, however, to give up long cherished plans of working among the villages whose acquaintance we had made with this in view.

and to be obliged to begin again de novo building up other foundations and waiting other long years when there are so many places about here seemingly so ready to hear the Gospel.

Our ears were greatly rejoiced yesterday to hear Mr. Lie - a former opium patient - preach the Word with so much efficiency and earnestness. He is the teacher of the boys' school and is becoming a pillar of strength here.

The baptizing of followers at Fen Chu fu seems to have been premature and unwise as it turns out that all were interested merely in making gain of the foreigners. This makes it harder to obtain genuine converts than it would be if nothing of the kind had occurred. This is not encouraging to write but seems to be the situation.

We are grateful to God for bringing us safely back to Shansi and for the opportunity afforded us of again joining our little mite with the workers on the field.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Smith from us both we remain as ever Yours affectionately

J. J. Atwood -

Rec'd Jan. 28 1897

Fen Chu Fu, Dec. 18th, 90.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.,

My dear Dr. Smith:-

I write a line in haste before the courier leaves to let you know what progress we are making.

We arrived here Dec. 8th having been delayed several weeks in Kai Kuh on account of the sickness of Dr. Goldsbury. We were just prepared to start once when Mr. Clapp was taken down with La Grippe and we feared he would be a long time in recovering since he is not very strong. Mrs Clapp also came down with the epidemic after he had been ill but a few days. We are thankful for their recovery; but fear they have gone at their work too soon again and are in danger of a relapse.

The Children here have nearly all been sick since our arrival, some quite seriously. Our quarters were unsuitable and needed repairs which makes us rather uncomfortable

in wintry weather and with the children sick. We shall be comfortable soon, however and shall have very pleasant quarters.

The "indications" seem to be for a dispensary and small hospital court for present use. The brethren have given numerous promises to patients of treatment when the Dr. should arrive so that we are overburdened with patients already and have no suitable place to treat them. One's reputation may thus sometimes be a source of perplexity.

Land, however, is cheap on all sides of us, and enlargement will be a comparatively easy and inexpensive matter.

I am glad to report an addition to the mission at this station in the person of a son born to Mr. & Mrs. Davis Dec 16th. The mother and child are both doing well and both parents happy in the possession of a new treasure.

I can not write further now as we are about to send off the courier

With kindest remembrances to Mrs Smith I am as ever

Yours affectionately

D. J. Ahnert.

Fen Chow Fu, Dec. 18, '90

Rec'd Mar. 6. '91

Fen Chow fu Jan. 19th 1891.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

Your welcome letter of Oct. 23rd is just received. It is doubly welcome as the first from you after our return to Shansi and because delayed so long on the way.

The word from Am. meeting is really cheering and we shall all take fresh courage and go forward in the name of Him who is the great Head of his Church in whom we have sure confidence that he will still lead her onward to still greater triumphs in the future.

I think I have written you before briefly of our impressions on arriving again on the field in Shansi. We are thankful to God for the opportunity of once more joining our little mite to the force at work here. It was gratifying to us to note changes for the better at Tai Kuh. The people have become more accustomed to foreigners and there is less of that prudient curiosity manifested

which is born of idle gossip about the new comers. It is a refreshing change to hear the children on the street accost us pleasantly as "teacher" instead of yelling a volley of "foreign devil" after us when we go out on the street. This change is largely due to the work among the boys in the school which has already raised foreigners in the esteem of the people. Mr. Clapp has been faithful in preaching the Word to the best of his ability. He is now greatly assisted by Mr. Liu - one of our old opium patients. who seems to be truly converted and is doing good work as teacher of the school and preaching on Sun. afternoon.

It is a great misfortune to the work here that the mission premises are so unsuitable for the work already in hand and and allow of no enlargement for the future. They were purchased, as you know, at the urging of Mr. F.M. Price which overruled the mild protests of his associates. The work is thus permanently hampered by having such a costly place, yet wholly unsuited to the work of the station on its hands. The workers there feel that so much money has been sunk there that they do not dare to ask for further expenditure. Besides being unsuitable for the school work it is also unsuitable as

place of residence for the members of the station, being in one of the most crowded and unsanitary parts of the city. Dr. Price was actuated by a noble desire to get nearer the people; but the unfortunate results to the mission show that experience in China especially is equally as desirable as faith and zeal.

The premises here in Ten Cho Fu are more fortunately situated being surrounded by open ground or ruins on three sides so that the premises can be enlarged as the work grows. The mission has already voted to ask for appropriations to meet present needs here.

There is at present but one Chinese court for our family and that of Mr. Price. The rooms are barely enough for one family. They are very patient and forbearing under all the inconveniences that such crowding implies (and no one can appreciate this who has not lived in Chinese houses with paper windows & damp brick floors) but it is not conducive to health or efficiency in the work. We have no place for reception room for the Chinese and no room to see patients in except a small gate-room already fully occupied by servants.

The brethren seem to think that no work would be more profitable at this station

than a small hospital and dispensary with a chapel in connection that could also be used as a domestic chapel ~~small~~ As you are aware, I did not come out as a medical missionary and I am unwilling to give up my time wholly to hospital work, still I am willing to be guided by the wishes of my associates and at least begin a medical work with the hope that some one will come out better qualified to take up the work and carry it on systematically and leave me free to do preaching in Tai Kuh with its 410 villages in many of which I am acquainted and where I feel some the Gospel could now get a candid hearing.

It gives us joy and fresh courage to hear of new recruits preparing to join us. We need men of sound scholarship here and also of sound commonsense and largeness of heart as well as consecration and zeal in the Master's service.

I feel more and more that it would be good economy to the mission if some provision could be made at Ting Cho for our new comers to spend six months or a year in the study of the language under trained teachers who ~~in~~ can teach clear Pekingese which is current nearly everywhere in China, instead of ~~coming~~ having them come at once inland to be a burden to those already trying to begin

the work and to grab away for years at this impossible gutteral which you can not speak if you should ever learn.

I am glad to be able to report all the members of this station well for the first time since our arrival. La Grippe held on to the little ones in a way that made us quite anxious for some of them, especially our little Edward who is now, thank God, really convalescent. The little one who came to the Davis household was the only fatal case among foreigners. He was taken away as nearly as we can judge by the epidemic on the fourth day of his life.

I have been responsible for the preaching on Sun. since I came. The room has been filled nearly every Sun. and often with an unusually intelligent & attentive audience. Some are observed to come a third or fourth time now which is an improvement. The few opium eats who were baptized here are not very good witnesses for the Truth but happily they never trouble us with their presence now.

The number of patients who come for medicines is increasing daily and the need of a small hospital, court is already plainly apparent. I hope that our request for this object will meet the approval of the Committee and yourself and that we

may soon be put in order for doing good efficient work. We all here feel confident that our request for this object will meet your approval that we have already seized upon an opportunity that presented just before the Chinese new year of buying a peice of ground adjoining the mission premises on the north about 17 mou or 3 2/5 A. (about 140) and have divided the purchase price among us agreeing to be responsible for it in case the Bord. Com. judged best not to grant the Amt.

Mr. Thompson and I are making preparations to visit Nin Shui in a day or two so that I can look the ground over with him. It does not seem to me that we are yet in a fair condition to open a new station though we should be looking in some direction for a place when we do become strong enough to divide forces.

In about a month Paul will be leaving us to attend school at Chefoo. We hope to send him in care of Mr. Bagnall of the C.I.M. I hope to hear from you soon in regard to my enquiry about aid for his education.

Hoping to hear from you again soon I am as ever with much love and esteem

Yours faithfully

J. J. Atwood

Fenchow, China
Jan. 19, '91.
Recd Mar. 28.

Tai Kuh, Mar. 2nd 1891

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:

We have just closed the sessions of our annual meeting which were the pleasantest and most profitable to all concerned of any annual meeting in the history of the mission.

The meeting yesterday afternoon at which Mr. Liu was baptized was exceedingly interesting and fitly closed our meetings together. This man has had an interesting experience and I think you will be interested in seeing a translation of extracts from his personal diary which I subjoin below.

I think there are evidences to show that Mr. Liu's father before him was a man of exceptionally good character and sought after the truth. I have in

my possession seven volumes of selections of ethical maxims &c. collected by him and copied by hand and punctuated clause by clause with red ink which, according to Chinese ideas, is a mark of merit. There are other things of which I can not now write to show that he tried to find and to follow the truth. His dying words were

"Shang Tien sheng wo
Shang Tien sei wo
Yia ting yü Tien
Yo hu pu ko"

"Heaven above created me
Heaven above causes me to die
What reason yet
Why not trust Heaven."

Mr Lin seems to have inherited much of his father's love of truth; for before he came to the opium refuge he had the reputation of being a good man in the village in which he lived and in all the region round about where was very widely known and seems to be greatly respected by all class

of people.

When he came to the refuge to break off the opium habit, from which he had tried to free him self in vain, he was followed by several relatives who were depending more or less upon his generosity and good name. A short [redacted] sketch of two of these will show some of the difficulties under which a man labours in China who tries to reform and break away from the chains of heathenism.

Here is Fu Tang, a relative who had lived a parasitical life in connection with Mr Lin It was through his influence that he secured a clerkship in a banking house in Kalgan. Here he lived a "fast" life was "hale fellow well met" with the "boys" and ere long absconded with a large sum of money. His relative, Mr. Lin, was held responsible and after he had compromised the matter from his own resources Fu Tang returned dressed finely and carrying a watch and other finery supposed to go along with a higher civilization. Mr. Lin treated him with kindness

hoping that he would repent of his evil ways and like himself turn from them; but in this he was disappointed. Mr. Liu asked for him a wife, a daughter of an old friend. The night following the wedding the bride, remonstrating with her husband for smoking opium, was stabbed to the heart with the steel needle with which he was manipulating his pipe. Again this young gallant fled the country and the girl's father brought her corpse to Mr. Liu's house demanding fabulous sums of money. After the matter had been healed by the generous use of golden salve and the matter finally hushed up after 4 or 5 years this "thing" returned again to break off from the name and goodness of his relatives and came at length with him to the refuge to break off opium, not because he wished to reform but because he had no means to carry on his habits.

One other example will suffice. Hui Ai was a distant relative. He had smoked up his patrimony with the opium pipe and being reduced to beggary sold his

children and finally his wife and smoked the proceeds. Then he began to levy black mail upon Mr. Liu and others to furnish his pipe with needed opium.

Once when Mr. Liu was away from home Hui dz came into the court and sat on the ground moaning and howling in a hideous way until Mrs. Liu could stand it no longer. She went to the village temple and beat the temple bell to call the village together. The town fathers came together and sat on the case. They adjudged that Hui dz should hang by his toes and thumbs, and that after he had thus suffered Mrs. Liu should pay him 16,000 cash for having inflicted punishment on a relative.

Mr. Liu is now seeking to have his son and son-in-law reform from opium smoking and they are on their way now to Fen Chow fu to go through a course of treatment. In this and many other ways Mr. Liu is giving good evidence that his conversion is genuine, especially on account of the good influence he is exerting in his

own village where a few of the villagers have offered to contribute 200 000 cash to build a chappel.

At the wish of the brethren I examined Mr. Liu on his Christian experience. He has given abundant evidence of a clear grasp of the truths of Christianity in his earnest preaching on Sun. afternoon and in the street chapel.

The following is a translation of memoranda taken from his personal diary.

"In the year 1889 on the 22nd of the 12th moon I was present at a service in Tai Koh at which Mr. Clapp preached using for the lesson the case of the man possessed with a legion of devils. He explained the meaning of the word "legion"—meaning many. The man possessed with many devils was compared to us. How like us? Here am I (thought I) advanced in years with many sins—just like a flock of devils. Jesus cast out the legion of devils. What is the lesson for us? We know that he has power to forgive sins. Then we should pray him to forgive our sins.

Today I have found the true road and I will walk in it. How can we go forward in the right road? If he is willing to forgive our sins what should we do? We should turn away from our former wanderings from the right road.

The man possessed with devils was naked; now he is clothed and in his right mind standing before the crowds bearing testimony to Jesus who had saved him. When we repent we also bear testimony before men by telling of our purpose of turning from the wrong way to the right.

From youth I was a spenthrift. I smoked opium, was lazy and careless in business being continually led astray by others. When others praised me I liked them. When others rebuked me I was angry at them. On this account good people held aloof from me and bad men called me good. I delighted in their company even while they were deceiving me. I failed in business.

When 26 years old I repented somewhat of my former conduct. Then I knew nothing of Jesus and his teachings; but from fear that I should commit crime and be punished or that my family would be reduced to poverty and that when reduced to desperate straights I should go still deeper in crime, I turned from my former course, left bad companions, sought the company of the good and addressed myself to gain the goodwill of others by good of manners. From this time I was content and my family were happy.

Now mark the repentance that I afterward experienced. In the 11th year of Kuang Hsü when I was 43 years old I met Mr Atwood and Mr. Jenney who helped me to break off opium. From them I first heard of Christianity and learned that all other gods are altogether false. Only God is the one the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, eternal God. He knows clearly the difference between true repentance and false repentance, between truly good men and hypocrites. Because these men helped me to break off opium and

truly loved me, I also loved them and believed them being continually with them and hearing the doctrine explained and attending worship with them.

After they left I was with other foreigners at Tai Kuh some months and then returned home. I spent much of my time in reading the Old and New Testaments tho' I did not understand thoroughly what I read. Though I did not understand it fully; still my heart was strengthened and I was kept from returning to opium My heart had something to rest upon and I was kept from evil. Then, too, I conversed much with others telling them there must be a true God controlling the universe. Last year ('88) I was 47 years old On the 19th of the 7th moon Mr. F. M. Price came to my home and asked me to come to Tai Kuh to teach the boy's school so on the 16th of the 8th moon I came and began school. From this time on I listened to the truth explained at daily morning prayers and on Sunday by Mr. Clapp. On the 22nd of the 12th moon he preached on the text

(Jer 8:20) "The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved." In some way that I did not understand I was overcome with a sense of my sins. I stood up before the meeting and Mr. Clapp and acknowledged my repentance before all and Mr. C. knelt down and prayed for me.

This repentance of mine gave me true peace of mind. I knew that the truth in Christ leads to the right way saves mens souls - ensures Heaven and eternal life. This is true happiness and from this time I had true peace of heart.

Soon after this my younger brother whom I had not heard from for 17 years (tho' I had often written) came home with a son 14 years old. This was a cause of great gratitude. At new year's time I went home and the mottos I pasted upon the gateway were not the same as those formerly put up on such occasions. On one side I wrote

"Penury, hunger & raggedness is not much on the other" Food, wine & good clothes in abundance is not happiness" and over the gateway

I wrote "Rejoice in the Heavenly way."

Why should we rejoice in the heavenly way
1. Because God is one God.
2. Because there is truly a Heaven.
3. Because the road to Heaven is straight
4. Although all men were in sin. God loved them and sent his beloved Son to earth to save them — to forgive their sins and to become a redeeming sacrifice. He set up his church upon the earth and his followers from age to age preached the truth until at length Americans came to China and preached it to us — and thus I came to know that man's life is as a cloud that appears but a little while and vanishes away. Man's sorrow and joy prosperity and poverty are alike transient. The only place of joy is Heaven and we know that all alike may go there whether man or woman, young or old By faith and works we may attain to salvation. On this account I was filled with joy

When Mr. Clapp preached from Lu 8:26

(the possessed of devils) I knew that although my sins were many Jesus could forgive them. All depends on repentancy & faith in him. The more our faith the more our peace, the more we repent the truer our way, the more we pray the better we understand the truth and the less we sin, the less we sin the more our joy and the more we joy in other the more we exhort others the more our faith in Christ, and the more men believe in Christ the more the church will prosper and Jesus rejoice and God love us and all men rejoice in us and live righteous lives and afterward receive eternal life.

This is the true way I have found. Is it not ten thousand times better than the joys of earth?

Kuang Hsü 16th year 2nd moon 15th day.

At his baptism on Sun. Mar. 2nd the chapel was full of Mr. Lin's friends and others who were deeply impressed at seeing him witness a good confession. Our hearts are all encouraged and strengthened in believing that in this man God has at length raised up for us at least one tower of strength for

for us who have waited so long for the manifestation of his power and grace.

The Prices and Davies and Mr. Thompson returned to Fenchow yesterday and we hope to get started tomorrow.

The members are all at present in good health and hopeful for the future.

I received by last courier your letter enquiring more definitely as to the added expense we shall incur in sending Paul to the coast to be educated. We have not had time yet to calculate exactly what it will be but do not think the added expense will be more than $100 and probably it will be not far from that in addition to the $100. allowance already granted. We feel encouraged to believe that the Com. will grant the extra allowance if it may defer the time of his coming to America to be educated.

I will write you more definitely as to Aut. when we reach home.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Smith from us both believe me as ever

Yours faithfully

D. J. Atwood

Rev. C. L. Atwood.
Tai-ku, March 2, 1891
Rec'd May 1

Fen Cho Fu, Mar. 27th '91.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:—

I write you a line to report progress, as we seem to be making some progress however slowly. As some of the fruits of Mr. Liu's conversion a number of his friends and relatives followed us here from An. meeting for the purpose of "repenting" from the opium habit. There are several cave-houses on this place and I determined to use these as an opium refuge and to admit some of the many applicants. Not much can be said as to the healthfulness of these cave dwellings but they are all the room we have for such work, and according to Chinese idea they make very good gaols.

Among those who came from Tai Kuk are Mr. Liu's son and son-in-law. It will rejoice his heart to know that they have both succeeded in breaking of the chain of this habit. His son and a nephew are remaining with us a month or two until they become a little more established in their reform and also to study the Truth with us.

Another very interesting case is that of a little boy – Chia Fu Cheng – 14 years of age who is a distant relative of Mr. Li's on his wife's side. He has taken opium since he was 7 years old – in fact almost from birth – for his friends say that it was his mother's custom to puff the smoke of the drug in his mouth to still his crying from her neglect while occupied smoking opium. Somewhat on the plan of Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup. When he was seven years old his mother taught him the use of the opium pipe to relive persistent colic which all the native doctors with their wonderful prescriptions failed to relieve!

That the boy evidently has some talent is to be expected from the fact that his ancestors for five generations back have held important office under the government. His father was a – Chü Jen and his grandfather was at one time Governor of Sseü Chuan and afterwards a member of the Board of Censors at Peking. His father died when he was but five and his mother when he was ten years old. At the death of his father a wealthy uncle came and seized their property carrying off carts & mules and all the personal property that he could get hold of. At the death of his mother Fu Cheng was left in the city of Tai Kuck with no means to pay his mother's funeral expenses.

It seems worthy of note that a boy 10 years old should have the courage and sagacity to prefer a suit at court to compel his wealthy relative to furnish the money for a respectable funeral for his mother, and carry it through successfully in spite of all the artifice and trickery that the uncle was capable of using.

After the funeral the boy was left ragged and dirty and covered with vermine to beg his living and enough opium ashes to drink to satisfy his craving. A friend of his father's took pity on him and as he was also a friend of Mr. Li's the two planned for his coming here to break off opium and afterwards to enter Mrs. Clapp's school.

I believe him to be a real diamond - in the rough it is true - and I am glad he is to enter the school at Tai Kuh. We have done what we could to polish off the external roughness. He has parted with his vermin, rags and dirt, broken off the opium habit and is free from that even to having the black scales of it cleaned from his teeth; so that externally at least he has gone through a pretty complete transformation. He can not yet read but before he left us his voice was heard joining with the others in the Lord's prayer and he paid especial attention to the talks about Jesus & his Word at morning prayers.

We hope that his mind and heart have been awakened and that sometime the Holy Spirit will bring about the transformation of heart in this our Good Friend.

We have registered 21 cases in the refuge and we hear of very many more who want to come in. This work seems rather hopeless to many, I know, still it seems to be about all we can do here now and it will help to gain the confidence and good will of the well minded. They are with us from fifteen days to a month and we try to impress upon them the essential truths of Christianity as we can not do by meeting them once or twice on Sun. or on the street.

I performed a successful operation for cataract on a lady who's father is the teacher of a school of thirty boys within hearing of our place. The operation seemed a miracle to him, and he exclaimed "The fairies have indeed come down to us". We are in very great need of at least a small hospital court for women and also one for men and still more of a chapel to accommodate those who already assemble with us on Sun. & at morning prayers.

We hope that the present straitgency in money matters may not be allowed to check the work which seems to open so auspiciously and which God seems waiting to bless. Surely the Churches will make the slight effort that is needed (if all will do their part) that we may be enabled to go forward and not backward. I believe they will.

We have just received word of Paul's arrival at Chefoo. I escorted him to the first stopping place in the mountains. From there he went in company with Messrs. Peat and Russell of the C.I.M. The journey to Tientsin occupied 12 days. Fortunately he found a comrade at Tientsin - Frank Cousins to take the sea-voyage with him. Mr. Cousins put the two in care of the steward and being agent for the S.S. Co. he made no charge for passage. We can not hope to be as fortunate every time. The fare is usually from 8 to 12 taels of silver. This added to the expence to Tientsin would make about $25. (silver) His school expenses amount to about $150. "
Travelling expenses to Tientsin & return 50. "
$200 silver per year

Besides this there is the expense of board &c for the summer vacation which he must spend at Chefoo since it is impossible for him to visit home then.

If the Bord. Com. could grant us $100 in addition to the $100 we now receive on his account or even $75. I think we could, by careful economy, meet his expenses and continue him in school in China for several years to come.

I am glad to be able to report all well here at present writing.

With kind regards from both of us to Mrs. Smith I am as ever

Yours very affectionately

A. J. Atwood.

Fm Offro Fin, March 27, 1891.
Rec'd June 10, 1891.

Fen Cho fu, Apr. 2nd 91.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

Your welcome letter of Jan. 28th came by last mail with its words of approval and encouragement for which we feel grateful.

I have no special news to write now but write to speak of the matter of our relations of comity with the China Inland Mission. At the last An. meeting of the mission I was appointed a committee to ask you what should be our attitude towards that mission. It seems from what the brethren report and from what I have observed myself that these brethren do not follow the principles of comity usually observed by other missions. Some of the brethren have felt some annoyance at their action in trying to open centers of work so close to places where we have work begun or where we anticipate beginning work. For ins. they have established a station at Hsiao I only 12 miles from this place and have also made efforts (and are apparently still doing so) to establish work in the east suburb of Fen Cho fu.

Sun City, Ariz. 2nd 9.

Mr. Jonathan Smith, Esq.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Smith:

My Spanish friend, Editor of Juan's Cosmos, has just handed me the notes of your proposed interview, and I write to tell you how very pleased I am to have a little more time to appear before the people of our nation of great worth. The Chinese Indian mission of the last few months, the meeting of the missions & are objectionable a committee to ask your rather alluring in our attitude to work this mission. It seems from what the Indian report and from what I have observed myself that the Indians do not follow the principle of morality necessarily set forth by other missions. Some of the National Gov. will have commerce of their colonies in trying to open country work so close & pleasantness we have made them in our enlarged Japanese work. Or this they have established a colony of those who only journeys from this place and have also made efforts (and an effort) to establish work in the local industry of Indians by

For myself I have no serious apprehension from this source since the work that they do is different from that which our mission hopes to do. I believe it to be decidedly superficial and not at all likely to be followed up as permanent consecutive work. as we hope to do. They may bring temporary discredit upon the cause of Christ by their precipitate haste in baptizing professed converts; but otherwise I do not think they will interfere with the work which the Board contemplates.

At Hing Ting Mr. Stanley Smith within a year of his arrival baptized 256 professed converts. Of these only 12 remained in the Church for any length of time and of these only one could reasonably have been influenced by Stanley Smith's "preaching" This is the testimony of Mr. Bagnall their Superintendent of the Shanci force of that mission. Stanley Smith himself now says that it was the work of the Devil. Such demonstrations ought to teach us wisdom in these things I do not say they will. Mr. Price's plan as proposed in the Advance seems rather discouraging in this direction.

My own thought is that we should follow up such lines of work and in such directions as Providence indicates and our forces permit without regard to the presence or absence of members of that mission since we

hope to do work that in no sense rivals or interferes with theirs. What shall be our policy in regard to them? In '84 they refused to make a contract of comity with us as the E. B. mission did claiming a right which they have since practiced of going wherever they liked. They have not entirely ignored our presence but neither have they observed those principles of comity which are observed by the regularly organized missions.

Our personal relations with them are uniformly pleasant and I have no doubt that they will continue to be so in the future. The only question is of our duty to them in our future movements.

The hot season is now giving us warnings of its approach and causing us to look towards the mountains for a summer retreat. No suitable place yet appears within our reach.

The opium refuge continues to thrive. We have enrolled 34 patients thus far. Only 2 have failed to go through the course thus far.

The members of the station at this date are well as usual.

With profound regards to yourself and Mrs Smith from us both

I remain

Yours faithfully D. J. Atwood

May 8th

P.S. Our hearts were made light last week by the cable-gram authorizing us to build this will enable us to get all the foundations well laid to settle during the rainy season and the fall will see compounds such as we stand in greatest need of.

The medical work has grown so that I have been compelled to limit the times of seeing patients to twice a week. Until now I have seen them every day and sometimes as many as 40 a day

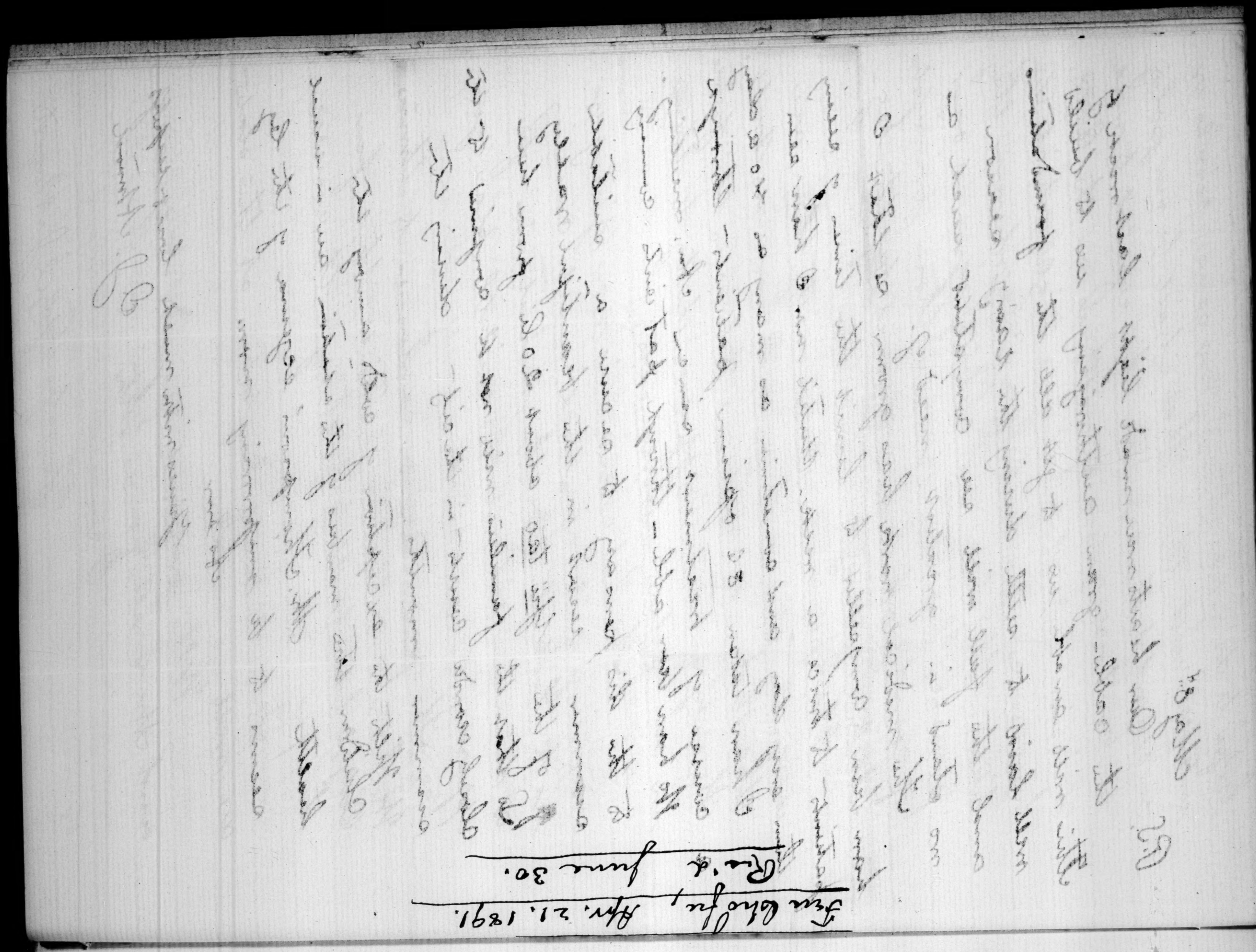
I have taken 86 opium patients through a course of treatment since the meeting. We have been able through patients coming to the dispensary to secure a suitable summer resort in the beautiful valley of the Yü tao about 20 li from here so that the families will not be confined to the closely crowded courts in the city during the summer months.

With the exception of colds among the children the members of the station are in usual health Mr. Thompson's eczema of the leg seems to be improving now.

As ever

Yours with much love & respect

D. J. Atwood



Gen. Blackfin, Apr. 21. 1891.

Rec'd June 30.

Fên Cho fu, June 15th 91

Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

Your generous letter of Mar. 27th came by last courier who arrived at our summer resort at yü tao hsu just as Mrs. A and myself with Miss Hewitt arrived for a short visit with the Prices and Davises who are established there for the summer. This is a fine place for summer rest and to escape the heat and dust of the city. It is about eight miles from the city and the road rises gradually up the gravelly valley of a swiftly running clear brook. We were able to rent an idle flour mill which has wooden floors to perfect grain as no other Chinese buildings have. The mill is surrounded with shade trees and has the clear brook of pure spring water running by the door. The fountain head of the stream is only 3 or 4 miles farther up. Here the stream pours out of a great spring in the temple grounds.

We were enabled to rent this place thro'

The cablegram which we received not many weeks ago permitting us to build has inspired us all with new courage and confidence in the future of the mission. The timeliness of the message gives us a very great advantage for which I feel very grateful to all who were concerned in it. The ground which was purchased at the Chinese N. Y. with the hope that the money would be granted to build on it is already enclosed with a good wall and gate-house and work has already begun on the foundations of the house the frame of which will be completed by the end of the Chinese month. I am anxious to hear by letter in regard to the action of the Com. so as to know whether we shall be able to go on and begin work on chapel and hospital buildings this fall. If this is granted we shall hope to be in much better working order by the time winter sets in once more. I hope also to hear in regard to Paul's schooling expenses. We have good news from him every courier and trust he is doing well in the school.

A motion was recently passed by the mission looking to the providing of suitable premises for school and other mission work at Tai Kow which we

the good offices of one of our opium patients who came from that region to break off the habit.

The refuge work is still in progress though the numbers have decreased since the busy season began. The number we have helped to break off since the Chinese N.Y. (Feb. 12th) is 44. Many of these have seemed much interested in the Truth and one has asked for baptism. Several have attended morning prayers and Sun. services since being released from the refuge quite regularly.

About one half of them are from Fên Chow fu and the surrounding country. The other half came from various points on this plain - from Tai Kuh and Hsü Kou, Chü Hsien and Ping Yao and Chieh Hsiu

One interesting case just left us today His home is in Ching Yüen hsien, 30 li (10 miles) north of Wên Shui hsien where the mission are prospecting for a new station. This man - named Liang is a tax collector connected with the county court at Hsü Kou - 10 miles north of Tai Kuh. He came to us completely blind with cataract. When operated on for cataract in one eye the first time he came to us he had no desire to leave off opium of which he was a slave - taking half an ounce a day - When he came

for the second operation he desired to break off the habit as well as to have his other eye operated on. I have been letting him down very gradually on account of his having to undergo the operation for cataract. He goes to his home today with fair sight in both eyes (very good in one) and free from the opium habit. He seemed much interested in the Truth and we pray that the Holy Spirit may even open the eyes of his soul to a saving knowledge of the Truth. He is widely known in the region of his home (being a tax-gatherer) and will no doubt send many of his acquaintances to us. He told us before he left that the county treasurer of Hsü Kou, who is also blind with cataract was planning to come with him but that the city gate-tower was shaken down by the earthquake which occurred a few weeks ago and he was obliged to defer his visit to give orders in regard to rebuilding this structure.

I have performed a number of minor operations lately which, however, seem very important in the eyes of the Chinese and help in some measure to gradually raise us in their estimation from the deep abyss of inferiority to themselves.

doubt has ere this come to your attention and I need not refer to it except to say that I think it a most necessary step in the right direction if the work is to go forward in the lines of legitimate progress. It is extremely doubtful however whether the old premises could ever be sold to the Chinese for more than one half the sum paid for it. It may still be the best we can do for some time to come for the winter residence of some members of the station. But whether it is sold or not I hope that the natural development of the work there may not be impeded for lack of suitable accommodations.

When in Tai Kuk last I looked over some premises in the East suburb with Mr. Clapp at his request which seem well adapted to the school & other work as well as for residence of the foreign families. With prudent management I think these premises could be purchased at N.Y. time at very moderate figures and would allow of future development of the work.

With kindest regards from me both to Mrs. Smith I am as ever with profound respect

Yours faithfully
O. J. Atwood

Chio - Jr., June 15, 1891

Recd Aug. 25

Dear Friend Taylor

I am thankful to
G. J. Mason

Fen Chow Fu, June 27th, 1891.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:

Your letter of Apr. 8th was received by the last courier and I will answer by return mail.

We were rejoiced to receive the news in detail concerning the grants for house and chapel and dispensary at Nan Shui Ching. We were somewhat disappointed, however, that the last sum ($400) for a small hospital court was not granted because this seems to us all a sine qua non of doing evangelistic work in this part of the City. By means of a few small and inexpensive rooms we would be enabled to receive surgical & other cases for treatment and through them gain a welcome entrance to the village round about us as well as into the homes in the city. By this means the Gospel would we are convinced have a candid hearing years sooner than it would otherwise. It is another case in which "the farthest way round is the nearest way home."

So that if the Com. can see its way clear to grant this sum or to procure it indirectly from some one interested in this special phase of the work we all feel that it will really be promoting directly the evangelistic work.

A larger sum would be used profitably and in the future will be needed if the work increases as all signs indicate that it will. The smaller sum was asked for as a beginning only for this work. As you are aware I do not feel that I am fullfilling my duty in being confined to hospital work and I look forward hopefully to the time when the Board shall send out a physician fully competent to take up the work of a hospital here systematically and and better than I am qualified to do. At our last An. meeting the mission took action requesting a man to be sent out for this place. With this action I am heartily in sympathy; and I hope also that it will meet your approval and that of the Prud. Com.

The house and dispensary rooms will, at present rate, be completed this fall. The latter we can make to do service for Chapel until a Chapel can be built next year; by which time we hope the other sum will also be forthcoming.

As to the return of Mr. & Mrs. Stimson to Shansi I feel that I have very little to say at present. I feel ~~sure~~ sure from your letter that you & the Com. are earnestly considering the best welfare of the Shansi mission and that fact gives me great encouragement and hope. I feel sure also that a general discussion of this case in the mission now, even were it possible to gather the mission together, would be most unwise. Mr. Clapp and Mrs. Clapp are at the coast to recuperate and to escort our recruits in next fall. Mr. Thompson seems somewhat unsettled from a fear that he may have to leave Shansi on account of health. The other members of the mission, fortunately, have no experimental knowledge of the past experiences and being in the chrysalis stage of mission life could appreciate very little of the past difficulties even if they were explained to them - a taste for which I have no desire or time.

I feel sure with you that Mr. Stimson is qualified to do good and useful work where he is and my conviction is that he would be happier in that work than in Shansi. We are obliged to face the fact that so far he has been unable

to adjust himself pleasantly to any one working with him in the same station for any considerable length of time and the experience of older missionaries in China shows that it is not wise for missionary families to live alone.

It may be, however, that past experience has taught him enough to modify his treatment of others so as to permit them a modus vivendi especially with this further lesson of the hesitation of the Com. to recommission him. Still I must confess that I do not feel very sanguine on this point. An appeal by him to the mission from him was placed in my hands to present to the mission or withhold as I see fit. In it he refers to the action of the Com. and their hesitation on the ground of my presence in Shanxi. I am somewhat embarrassed by such an errand.

If the Secretary of the mission sends a circular motion around the mission on the strength of your suggestion, as is likely, I shall not oppose it. And, moreover, if the Bd. Com. see their way clear to sending him back to this work here I will endeavour, by God's grace, to do my best to preserve peaceable and harmonious relations in the mission. I think I may say without boasting that experience has been of advantage to me in this particular.

I want to say that I feel grateful to you for the very considerate way in which you

have written about the matter.

Please tender our thanks to the Prud. Com. for the extra grant of $50 toward Pauls education at the school at Chefoo. The $150 comes within $50 of his school expenses not including travelling expenses. I think we may manage to meet the remainder ourselves if we can we shall be happy to do so

There are other matters about which I should like to speak but this letter is already too long.

With kindest regards from us both to yourself and Mrs. Smith I am

as ever with great respect

Yours faithfully

E. J. Atwood.

Fen Chow for June 27, '91.

Rec'd Sept. 1.

Fên Chofu, Sep. 7th, 1891.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

Although there is nothing new of great importance to write about at this time, still I will not let the courier go without a word to you

I am glad to be able to report all at this station in fairly good health. The summer has been a trying one on account of the very dry weather which continued well into the summer which is usually our "rainy" season. Some of our number were left in a weak condition by the influenza and seem to be especially liable to cholera morbus - Mr. Davis having passed through a quite serious illness. I am glad to say that she is much better now and has gone on a short visit to Tai Kuh with her husband.

On June 16th I was called to Chiek hsien hsien to see one of the Swedish brethren who was sick with typhus fever. I arrived only 2 hours before his death which occurred about 2 o'c of the same day. I found eight of them - together with Mr. Russell existing in a little oven of a court in rooms surrounded by filth - The rooms had not

even been calcommined. I advised the immediate
abondonment of the premises and this advise was accep
- the brethren scattering to different stations.
Since then Mr. Russell has succeeded in renting th
premises put in repair by Mr. Stimson in '83
There are now fifteen of these Swedish brethren th
They expect soon to go over into Shensi

On July 1st I received a summons from Mr. Key of the
C. I. M. (who is stationed some three days journey into
the mountains from here) to attend his wife who wa
ill with dysentery. The illness of my wife and Edward a
well as some of the other members of this station
made it unwise for me to leave for so long an ab-
sence so I sent medicines. We afterwards learne
that Mrs. Key died on the day I would have st
had I gone.

During July two of the Swedish brethren
spent several days with us for medical treatment
and left us much improved in health. We are gl
of course, to help them in all the way we can, but the
coming among us in such numbers and all unpre
pared for the arduous work makes us feel some misgiv
not only for them but for ourselves. Their zeal is well fo
not yet mixed with knowledge: One of their number a
templed opening an abcess on the neck of a Chinaman

with his pocket-knife! In describing the sequel one of his brethren said "I blieve 'twas de Lord save dat man's life"

Under Mr. Taylor's theory that six months is time enough to get a working command of the language these poor men will be sent this fall into Shensi on their Don Quixotic careers. The result is sure to be disastrous not only to themselves but to the work casting discredit upon the cause which they are no doubt in earnest to advance. They seem in some ways consistent with their belief that Christ is to come personally to earth in three years and what they do in the way of "bearing witness" must be done at once. Mr. Price (F.M.) was greatly influenced by Mr. Taylor (Ful sure) on his last homeward journey, and strangely enough what little experience he had gained during his short stay on the field all went like morning dew.

It seems strange that such dearly earned experience should vanish so suddenly and utterly as it seems to have done in his theory for evangelizing Shansi which appeared lately in the Advance.

All experience points to the fact that the conflict in China must be — to use a homely expression — a long pull + a strong pull and a pull altogether.

Our mission seem to be working harmoniously thus far. There are no troubles that experience will cure. Mr. Clapp's letter in regard to Mr. Stimson's proposed return has precipitated a discussion of this question upon the mission. What Mr. Clapp says is mournfully true and even more could be truthfully said; still I question the wisdom of saying it to the mission now. I could not honestly sign a request to have him return, as I feel sure the mission would soon be in worse again in trouble that <u>can not</u> be <u>settled</u>. I have been slow in stating my opinion as I know I have been a prejudiced witness. But after careful thought and prayer it is my conviction that the mission could better do without reinforcements for three years than have him return now.

However, if the Prud. Com. determine to send him back I will agree with God's help to do the best I can to live in harmonious relations with him. All I wish to say is that I do not approve of it, tho it is not from personal motives or anything of the sort. I think the Com. is abundantly able to settle the matter at once and relieve the mission of the burden. It has others sufficiently heavy to bear.

With great love and respect

Yours faithfully

D. J. Atwood

Dr. Atwood 1869

P.S.

The building proceeds apace. The work has progressed much faster than our most sanguine Expectations. The dwelling house is nearly all covered over with a good tile roof and is built substantially and will be both convenient and comfortable. The building for drugroom, dispensary and operating-room is just about completed. The drug-room will be used for all medical purposes and the other two rooms left as one room for the present and be used as a Chapel. The building for servants' quarters is just going up. We propose stretching the roof of this building, at only a small extra outlay so that it will cover four small rooms for patients. These rooms are imperatively demanded and have been for some time.

" The work of preaching has not been neglected. On Sun. we have held meetings in the court out of doors, the women + children sitting inside the house. In this way 150 persons have heard the Gospel at a time. Mr. Li was with us a month and preached the truth with great earnestness and has produced a good impression. He also preached at the summer resort one Sunday to over 200 people who seemed much

pleased with his preaching. The majority no doubt came from curiosity still they lis attentively

It is through this Mr. Liu's influence that Mr. Thompson has rented premises at the village of Jen tsung. This is a very prosperous region of country into which Prov dence seems to have been leading us" but from which the distractions in the mission withdrew us. I should greatly have preferred to be located there myself but have deferred to the mill of the mission not because of their superior knowled the field, but for the sake of harmony. It is a very hopeful field and I am glad that Mr. Thompson ca to it. His eczema seems well and his tongu is beginning to be loosed in the language. For both these results we feel glad and encoura

E. J. Atwood

Rev. E. J. Atwood
Jen cho Aug. Sept. Oct. '91.

Fen Cho fu Mar. 10th '92.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

I hope you will pardon me for neglecting to write you for so long a time. I was not sure that you would not be on the journey towards China and this uncertainty together with the many cares of the work have prevented me from writing now for some time. Now that the annual meeting is over I hope to find more time for correspondence. The An. meeting found us in somewhat trying circumstances. The influenza had visited Tai Kun so severely that the servant force was badly crippled and one (the gate-keeper) was so low with pneumonia that Mr. Clapp was obliged to remain behind to care for him.

The meetings were very pleasant and harmonious and passed off very pleasantly. Just after the meetings closed a warm southerly breeze came up from the south which occasion the influenza took advantage of to bring down several of the ladies & children as well as the servants upon their beds. At Mr. Davies's place small-pox among the servants was added to the troubles and a more or less strict quarantine has been kept up between the two places.

The exceedingly dry weather has caused much sickness among the Chinese. Pneumonia, diptheria and other fevers have been common. Our servant

informs us that in his village of 500 inhabitants 70 have died this winter or 14 per cent. of the entire population. It is cause for great gratitude to God that none of the foreigners have been taken from our number.

Dr. Edwards of Tai Yüen fu left us today. He has been with us a few days looking over our house and getting what experience he could to help him in his building at Tai Yüen fu. Mr. Nelson of the "Swedish Contingent" of the C.I.M. is spending a short time with us to learn what he can of our method of treating opium patients.

The out-look for the work here is daily brightening while I write an invitation for Mrs. Davis and Miss. Hewitt to visit a village and talk to the women ten li (3⅓ miles) from the city is presented. Few opium patients have come in from that village recently and are breaking off opium. Just before the Chinese new year I took in a man to study the Scriptures and teach the opium patients giving him his food. He seems to be a very earnest man who promises to be very useful in the Master's service. The four rooms that are finished for the hospital court are already filled to their full capacity. If we had twice as many rooms they would no doubt be filled in less than a month.

"The opportunity for opening a school here seemed to us too valuable to be allowed to go by unused. Government support has been withdrawn from the three free schools in the city to furnish food to poor people who must suffer for lack of food on account of the scarcity of rain and poor crops. The rainfall was very light last year and this winter no snow has fallen

to speak of. The priests have prayed and beaten the temple bells in prayer for snow, and the officials have visited the temples most industriously for the same purpose. The only results thus far seem to be windstorms and dust-falls. On the 8th however a slight fall of snow covered the ground for about 24 hours. Now there is no trace of it left except on the tops of the mountains. We are hoping and praying that snow may come soon and relieve this stricken people. The suffering from disease has been great and will be still greater unless help comes from above before many weeks. Mr. Price has charge of the school which began with six boys with more coming in today and prospects for as many or more than we can accommodate in the future.

With the 20 in-patients, the servants and the school boys our waiting room is filled on Sunday and a larger chapel is already suggested to us as a real necessity in the not very distant future.

We are thankful for the rooms we have already and to see the work taking shape so soon.

We have had two persons on the roll on probation for a year and they may be received by baptism soon. On the whole the outlook is very hopeful for the future.

I will not write more now but with kindest regards to Mrs. Smith,

remain with great love and respect

Yours faithfully

D. J. Atwood

Fen Cho fu, March 10, 1892
Rec'd June 18.

Sen Chofu May 3rd '92
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Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

I write to you by this mail to inform you of the new joy that has just come into our household in the shape of a little daughter born on the 29th of April. We are grateful to God both for the gift and for the good health of both child and mother who are doing well.

Paul is still with us this year. We were somewhat disappointed in the school and some things transpired that opened our eyes more fully to the need he still has of father and mother care. The problem of his education still weighs upon us at times. We are trying however, to do the best we can by him. His mother is teaching him some of the common branches and I am teaching others. I would like to begin Latin grammar & prose with him next fall. and am emboldened by necessity to ask a personal favor of yourself i.e. to send to Mr. Ward a memo. of the latest & best approved books for beginners in Latin prose composition and reader & grammar asking him to send them by mail as soon as convenient if no order of goods is being forwarded down to Shanghai.

The country around us remains peaceful and we anticipate no interruption of our work from turmoil or war at present, at least. There is a small insurrection in progress at Ping Yang fu about one hundred miles south of us, caused by the officials refusing to yield to the demand of the irresponsible and rough class of people for the public granaries to be opened to relieve present necessities. The officials and better class evidently do not think the famine severe enough to warrant the consumption of these stores at present time and the lawless have come to make a raid on the Imperial Telegraph line and have already pulled up, it is reported, five hundred poles. A thousand soldiers have been sent down from Tai Yüen fu and if blood flows at all it will be bad blood.

We have lately had enough rain to allow of planting of the spring crops and a more contented frame of mind is likely to prevail, all discontents and perforce also mal contents in the province

Excuse this brief letter this time please I will try to write more fully later.

With kind remembrance to Mrs. Smith and with deepest regard to yourself

I remain yours faithfully

D. J. Adams

Fen Cho fu May 31st, '92

To Rev Judson Smith, D.D.
Sec'y A. B. C. F. M.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:—

It is not often that we are called upon to report sorrowful tidings following so closely on the heels of joyful news; but it grieves me to have to report the death of the youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Price. His trouble began with intermittent fever and developed typhoid symptoms in which condition he sank rapidly and died of heart failure on the 24th of May.

Their other son Stewart was taken ill with malignant dysentery on the 28th and caused us great anxiety for a few days but he seems now on a fair way toward recovery.

It has been a terrible ordeal for both parents and especially for the mother. I hope they may be spared further affliction.

Last night we were blessed with light rains again that wet the soil to the depth of two inches and this

encourage the poor people greatly.
The people have been very persistent in their prayers for rain at the temples. The district magistrate going on foot himself carrying a lighted incense stick went to the temples to pray to the gods of the lower world as a last resort. On Sun. last more than a thousand villagers came to the city from 17 villages to pray for rain many of them carrying heavy straw-knives edge downward on their necks with the blood ~~streaming~~ trickling down upon their naked bodies to express the earnestness of their prayers for rain. Last month there were two priests here from Tai Shan in Shantung. They made an offer to the magistrate to pray for rain and their offer was accepted. One condition was that if it did not rain by the fifteenth of the moon they should both loose their heads. It rained slightly on the night of the 15th and this was the only rain of the month. The present rain they will no doubt attribute to their importunity in praying to the images. Would that they knew a higher object for such devotion.

Our few hospital rooms have been full up to the present time. Soon we shall have an addition of four small rooms to be done this week.

We have Eight people here still from

Ching Yuen, a hsien city about 25 mi. north of us. I was able to make one tour to this place last year and found the people very cordial indeed. The way was opened by an invitation from a small official who had his eyes operated on for cataract. He is a man of much influence in the place and we hope his heart has been touched by the Gospel. He has taken many books to read and has sent a number of his friends to the hospital either to ward off the opium habit or to be treated for other diseases. All who come from there seem well disposed towards the Truth. Mr. Liang's wife is now here leaving off opium. There are five women from the place in the hospital and Mrs. Hewlett & Mrs. Davis have begun teaching them in a way that makes us hopeful for them that they may be soon turning to the Saviour.

The No. of people who have broken off the opium habit with us up to the present here in Fen Chu fu is 117. It is exhausting work and the discouragements many but it seems the first open avenue and we labour on hoping for better things.

With profound love and respect I remain as ever

Yours faithfully

D. J. Atwood

Fu Chofu, May 31, 1892.

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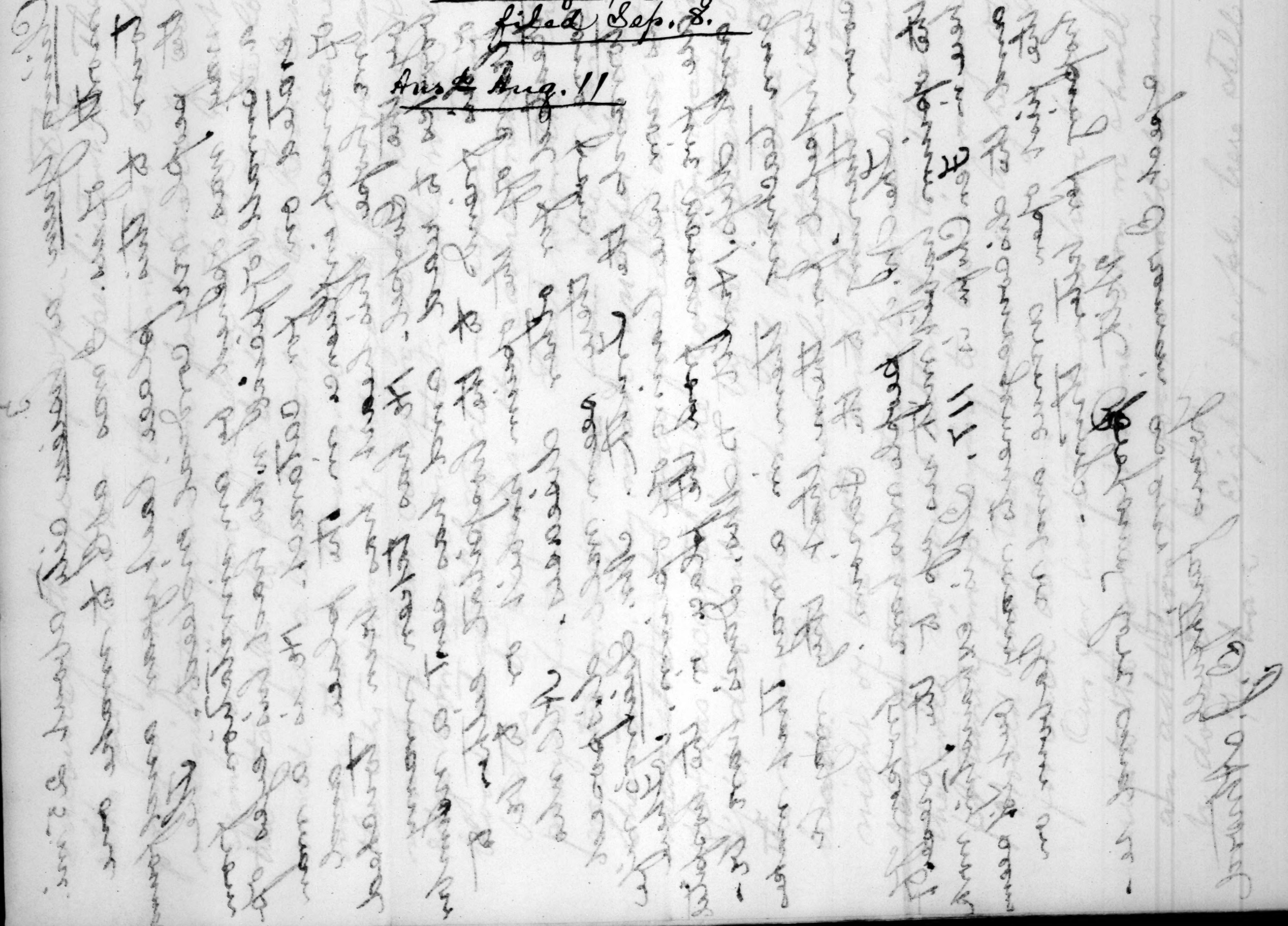

Tien Cho fu June 27th, 1892

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith =
Although there is nothing of particular importance to write about just now I think I will not let the courier go without at least a line from me.

I am glad to be able to report the full recovery of Mr. Price's oldest child who was dangerously ill when I wrote you last. Since then some of the adult members of this station have had more or less severe attacks of illness which seem to have been sequelae of the epidemic. Altogether it has been quite an unhealthy season with us and we have had considerable anxiety not only concerning the health of the members of the station, but also concerning the conditions of our work. The air has been full of reports of trouble and insurrections against the government. In the minds of the ignorant people foreigners are more or less associated

with the causes of the troubles in China
Dense ignorance, which is always danger
is more than ever so in times like these
There has been but very little rain in the p
ince since a year ago and the Chinese
say that the foreign spirit who is so powerf
as to be able to send a message to the
coast in a few hours could, if he were a m
to, tell why it does not rain. The telegraph
line in Shensi was pulled up for a distan
of over 150 miles and as it rained sh
ly the next day they concluded that t
was a virtuous work notwithstanding t
warning pasted on every pole that the
government would punish with death any
one caught molesting them. It is report
from several sources that six of the ring
leaders in Shensi have been beheaded.
The similar trouble in Ping Yang fu
has been quelled. At Yü tz, a place about
26 miles east of Tai Ku twenty poles were
pulled up or rather sawed off in the m
One man was arrested under strong ci
cumstantial evidence and doubtless th
line which he sought to destroy will so
flash back the sentence demanding his
head. It must seem even to the most
immobile minds even in China that so
change has come over the country when a
sentence like this comes in a few hours

instead of as many months under the old régime; but we are made to realize over and over again that things move slowly in China (with the exception of lightning)

The attitude of the people just around us I think is one of indifference mostly. I have noticed very little ill will manifested on the part of anyone, and in some places a good deal of friendliness is shown.

Two weeks ago yesterday (Sun.) as Mr. Thompson who was here on a visit kindly took my place preaching in the waiting-room ~~and~~ I went out with Mr. Price to a village ten li (3⅓ mi.) west of the city. I spoke for a half an hour or more on the street. It was a great help to have some of our former opium patients in the crowd. They could easily be distinguished from the rest of the crowd by their fleshy and naturally coloured faces. We have had 15 opium patients, besides other patients, from this one village, and the evidences we saw and the reports from others tended to prove that nearly all were remaining firm in their purpose to keep out of opium chains. In this they are probably helped by the prospect of hard times and the need they will have of every cash to keep the wolf from the door.

"Much land is sown to the poppy this

year and the people are just now harvesting the sile stuff that is to bring ruin upon their neighbours but cash into their own pockets, a disposition, alas! not confined to Ch[illegible]
The people in the country frequently ask m[illegible] why Heaven sends no rain and I can al[illegible] point to a field of the plant in answer [illegible] no one fails to understand. The stuff occup[illegible] the irrigated lands and the watered garden[illegible] and will be grown when other crops fail entire[illegible] The crop of grain are better on the other side [illegible] the plain. Here millet, the staple food of the poor, costs now of the plain 100 c[illegible] pr. do (about ½ bush.) On the other side, at Shik[illegible] Sieh, the first stage in the mountains, it is abo[illegible] 030 cash or less than half as much. This gives a slight hint of what a rail-road would for the people materially. Alas! for the blackness of the darkness of ignorance that prevents als[illegible] the stores of Gospel Truth from reaching these famis[illegible] millions of souls. Oh that the Holy Light would shine through this seemingly impenetrable fog-bank of ignorance and foul miasm of sin and superstition. We labour on walking still by faith not yet by sight but for a rift in the clouds to gladden our wea[illegible] eyes and burdened hearts.

We look forward to the coming of re[illegible] crits in the fall with hope and interest. Mr. Williams seems to have conceived the [illegible]

rious idea that somehow or other it is necessary for them to stay at the coast to bring in the strangers, if they come inland at once — So we shall not see them until next fall. We shall hope to see them well along in the language and knowledge of the people as Mr. Williams must be, if he feels confident of conducting an expedition inland himself.

Mr. & Mrs. Davis and Miss. Hewitt are preparing to go to the summer resort at the river soon. The heat in their quarters now is intense and Miss Hewitt has been confined to her bed by sickness caused no doubt by the heat. She has done noble work at the language herself and no less valuable work in inspiring into the others a willingness to prepare for a good examination in the language. I think they need a rest now and am advising them strongly to leave the heat of the city for the shade & quiet of the country. Mrs. Price and Mrs. S. too feel quite as much the need of a change in the country and I am glad we have so good a place tho wish it could be larger to accommodate all at once —

I will not write more now. Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Smith and believe me ever with profound love and respect

Yours faithfully

D. J. Atwood —

Fra Bho fu, January, 1892
filed Sep. 7.

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Near Fen Cho Fu July 18th 1872

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Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

A day or two after my last letter to you went out we were visited by quite copious rains and now the rainy season has set in in earnest so that the prospect of drouth is for the present happily averted. The later crops have still time in which to mature and unless early frosts set in there is good prospect that the poor people will have abundance of food for the winter.

It is nearly a year since the province has had abundant rains and were it not for the remarkable ability of this loess soil to hold moisture, or rather to draw it up from below by means of its capillary system the Shansi people wd have perished long ago.

This season has been a trying one however, even for this soil and has occasioned not a little anxiety to the poor farmers. Last week, after a heavy

Rec'd Jan 27, 1873

Iowa City Iowa
Feb 27th 1873

Professor Gilmore
My dear Sir

Let me now make the request of you, which I promised to make when I wrote you last, namely, that you give us a lecture, during your visit to this place, on the subject of "Poetry and Music" or any other subject you may prefer. We have a very good room for the purpose, and I feel sure that we can secure a large audience. The lecture course, this year, has been very successful, and we have had some of the best talent in the country. Our people are very fond of music, and I feel sure that a lecture from you would be very acceptable to them. I know that the people would be very glad to hear you, and I feel sure that you would be well pleased with your reception here.

It is usually a paying one, as the room is large, and we have had no difficulty in filling it. We have had a lecture, or rather, a series of lectures, from Prof. Swing, of Chicago, which proved very acceptable to our people, and I feel sure that you would be equally so.

Please let me hear from you at your early convenience, and oblige

Yours truly
[illegible]

rain there was a fight among some villagers over the water of a mountain stream. The bed had been dry for nearly a year and now that it was full of water this meant farms irrigated and crops for hungry mouths of men & beasts. There are regular property rights in the stream and it is the well known property of a certain set of villages, but so severe had been the drouth that another set of villages demanded a share of the water for their farms. On being refused they collected a force of more than a hundred men armed with flintlocks proceeded to take possession of the head of the stream by force. An equal number collected on the other side and being entrenched repulsed the intruders with over twenty wounded but none killed. This trouble occurred about six miles from Fen Chu fu on Fri. of last week. On going into the city from our river resort on Sat. I found about twenty wounded men, none of them very seriously however, but with iron shot which made nasty wounds and in addition to the regular patients gave me a hard days work. Christianity has a task before her in changing the selfishness and greed of these people and inaugurating the

peaceful reign of righteousness; but only Christianity can do it. That seems about as certain as demonstration can make any thing and yet we are told that the people are well enough off without Christianity.

I am glad to be able to report everyone well at this station at present and everything seems quiet about us and the people friendly.
The Davies and Miss. Hewitt and my own family are resting at this idle grist-mill, but we shall not be altogether idle. We hope to have opportunities to visit some of the mountain villages at intervals between the rains and I shall keep up my semiweekly clinics in the city.

I feel confident that the Prud. Com. have acted wisely in their action on Mr. Stimson's case and that the mission is stronger than it would be were he reappointed; still the necessity of such action causes us all genuine sorrow.

Please remember us kindly to Mr. Smith and believe me with profound love and respect

Yours faithfully
D. F. Atwood

Gen Clio for July 13, '92.

Rec'd Sept. 22.

Fen Cho fu Sep. 24th
'92

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:—

Your kind letter of July 2nd reached me on the 21st inst. at Tai Ku where I had gone to attend Dr. Goldsbury in his sickness. He had a fever of three weeks duration; but when I left, on the 22nd, the fever had left him and he seemed fairly on the road to recovery. With his wife's faithful nursing I feel quite confident that he will make a good recovery and be on his feet to greet the new recruits to the station.

I am glad for the favor of attending to Paul's latin books. Please accept our thanks for your kind attention to the matter.

You have probably learned, by the time this reaches you that the Atwaters have come on at once to Shanei. It was not the advice of the mission that they stay at the coast to study the language on account of their having children with them.

Fen Cho fu Sep 1 '92

Rev. Jonathan Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:

Your friend Letter of July 2nd received on the 31st inst. at Zeh. In which I have gone to attend Dr. Barbour in his sickness. He died a few of the week duration, but when I left, on the 3rd, the fever had left him and he seemed fairly on the road to recovery. With his usual faithful watching I feel quite confident that he will make a good recovery and be on his feet to spend the rest of his days in the service of the Master.

I am glad for the favor of attending to Cook's Cabin for us. Please accept our thanks for your kind attention to the matter.

You have probably learned by the time this reaches you that the Ottawa have come on at once to Ottawa. We were not the cause of the missions that they going on to consult to attendy the language on account of their learning Chinook with them.

I believe it was at the advice of Mr. Williams merely that they got the idea that they were expected to stay at the coast for a year. They all seem to long to take up their abode with us as soon as may be. The Williamses speak of their joy at the prospect of starting for "home" as they call Shansi. The year of study at Tung Cho will give them a foundation in the language that they could not get here in double the time; besides that they will have some of the benefits of riper missionary experience to help them in their future work.

Mr. Thompson will, we hope, by the present move become more than twice as much of a man and thus the problem at Jên Tsung will begin a solution.

We have too few doing evangelistic work solely at either station and I am hoping for the time when I may be set free from the medical work largely to give my full strength to evangelistic work in directions that are already opening through the little medical work that has been done here already.

Has not Mr. Perinman been appointed to Shansi and would he not come to Fen Chou fu to developse the work begun here? It is time some one was on the ground preparing to take up the work

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were supposed to adopt at the great for a
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Mr. Thompson will no doubt by the
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to get the medical work largely off my
hands. I will attempt & evangelistic work in
addition that as already planning through
the little medical work that has been
done has already

Rev. and Mrs. Thompson have ap-
pointed & Alamos and would be out
soon at Tenchan to distribute the work be-
tween them: Mr is there more one more or the
general overseeing & taking up the work

if I am to be allowed to follow up the work to which I was ordained and which I feel I ought to be doing.

I have preached at least once on the Sabbath during the two years since our return to Shansi; but have not been able to attend fairs or go upon tours to other places but once in all this time. I feel that many grand opportunities are being lost of doing much good. As you know, much of the best missionary work in China is done by this method and I have looked forward and planned to do this kind of work and, as you are already aware, have never planned to be medical missionary either here or anywhere else.

If Dr. Penneman could come here to begin before long the hospital and dispensary work it would greatly increase the efficiency of our force I feel sure.

I am very glad to hear from Oberlin from you personally. May her spiritual power and influence never wane.

Please give my best regards to Mrs Smith and believe me as ever

Yours with deepest love and respect

D. J. Atwood.

Fear Bro. Fox, Sept. 27, 1892

Rec'd Oct. 27.

I am at the school at Yellow Springs to which I was recently sent as right I feel it to be duty.

I am provided at least once on the Sabbath during the year with an opportunity to attend Friends meeting but have not been able to place but once in all the time. I feel many opportunities as I look forward to spend Christmas or New Year with dear friends at home but I do not see any way to do so. I am very well and pleased to be here. I have been pleased at the medical examination either has or may make elsewhere.

The German could have been to right for long the hospital and dispensary work would greatly increase the efficiency of the office. I feel sure.

I am very glad to hear your Quarterly Meeting. May the spirit dwell among you. Give my love to all who inquire of the family and tell them we are

Yours with deepest interest in

Christ

J. H. Moore.

Tew Cho fu, Feb. 10th, '93

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your kind letter of Nov. 21st came by last courier and made us glad by your hearty words of sympathy and good will. These letters from home are like white-winged messengers from a sunnier clime, and do us more good than you can imagine, surrounded as we are by people steeped in the miasms of selfishness and deceit and of whom we are more or less apt catch the spirit of despair and worldliness unless constantly reinforced by the higher hopes and aspirations of Christianity. It may be that distance lends enchantment and we learn to appreciate the glorious light of Christian civilization in our dear home-land by contrast with heathen misery and darkness that is so tangable and dense as to be almost benumbing; but after all it seems to me, and I think I can not be mistaken, that

Tew Cho fu, Sept. 27, 1892

there has been within last few
years a very remarkable advance a
home in the Christian life and love
which we take courage and press on.

The puzzle which my last letter
caused in your mind in regard to Mr
Thompson has no doubt solved itself
and you doubtless know see this of the
happy outcome and good fortune both
to him and to the mission since we fe
he is more securely anchored and will b
in position to do steadier and better work
the mission. We at Fen Cho fu, of course, are
sorry to loose the large part of our force whe
Miss. Hewitt was rapidly becoming; but we
forgive the theft in time if we find an
hope from the rooms to make good our lo
by sending out another young lady to
either in woman's work or with the school.
The prospect for usefulness in the latter se
to be increasing so far as opportunity go
There seems to be practically no limit to the
number of boys who would come in if we
had accommodations for them. Mr. Price d
sires to make a forward move in this respe
and I hope the Com. will see fit and be ab
to grant the moderate sum asked to build
suitable school building for the school. There h
been an unusual amount of sickness amo
the boys now in the school this winter, wh

largely due to the miserable cave houses in which they are compelled to live for lack of any thing better. They get almost no sunlight in their homes which are damp and unhealthy. I have spent considerable time in attending them and tho' it furnishes employment there are plenty of calls elsewhere and much of this sickness could be avoided with more reasonable dormatories that would be more of a credit to the Board and to our work.

In our hospital rooms we have unexpectedly had about as many women patients as men and the work ~~among them~~ that Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Davis was doing among them has already begun to bear fruit. Two women brought here from Chiny Fien, about 45 mi. north, were total wrecks as to their bodies and one had a confirmed opium habit besides. After a residence of several months in the hospital they returned nearly as well as most Chinese women are – the one freed from her opium chains and both with brighter and more intelligent faces from the Christian truth they had learned. We have heard that one had destroyed her images and was trusting in the true God. Several more women have come from the same place to the hospital and we believe all have been helped both physically and in the Christian life.

The work in this distant county was begu
by a man by the name of Liang, who ca
to us totally blind with cataract. We opera
on both his eyes and both operations proved to
successful. He broke off opium at the same time
He is a tax collector in his county and is well
known throughout that county and the adjoining
county of Hsü Kou. which borders on the County of
Tai Kuh. Wherever he goes he speaks well of us
and has sent a score or two of patients to us
for treatment. These have all seemed less prejudi
to foreigners and their minds more open to the
truth than we generally find them. We are hopi
and praying that Mr. Liang may be influence
by the Spirit to heartily accept the truth as it is
Christ.

The patients in the hospital are retu
ing home for New Year's festivities to which everyth
else even doctoring must give way. I am plannin
to make a tour during this respite to the place
of above to look up a number of families some o
whom expressed a wish to have the Gospel preache
their homes. I will try to enclose a map showing th
region.

I am glad you approve of my desire to
a medical missionary appointed for Fu Chu fu so
that my hands may be relieved for touring. The
mission by a formal vote at the annual meeti
in Tai Kuh two years ago approved of the same
action and I am anxious myself to be at th
work which I feel deeply belongs to our mission

P.S. Mar. 10th.

Mr. Tu has just returned from Ching Yüen to ask our permission to rent a school-court. He has 14 boys engaged to attend school - most of them already enrolled. A suitable building is offered at 1000 cash a month (70 cts) and I have authorized him, after consulting with my associates, to close in with the offer. This, if it finally succeeds will be the fifth school in the mission.

This man also brought word that three families have torn down their idols and profess Christianity openly. This is good news to us and we shall hope and pray for still greater blessings from God upon that region.

Yours faithfully

D. J. Atwood.

to do but which will not be left to us to do many years longer if we are laggard about it.

You will rejoice with us at additions to Church membership at Tai Kuh and at the increased interest in the truth here and at Jen Tsing. We are to hold an examination service here next Sun. afternoon for candidates for baptism and probationers. There are seven who desire baptism and several who desire to be taken on probation.

I was glad to hear a word about Mr. Cady. I believe he has done a good work in Kyoto. I received a letter by last courier from Mr. Tenney, acknowledging the receipt of a Shansi cow which I sent per Courier (this may give you some idea of the speed of our mail trains) He reports the number of his school now as fifty. He has the Am. Vice Consular work still but has been relieved for the present from the tutelage of the Viceroy's sons.

Paul has begun the study of Latin (thanks to your kindly offices in selecting his books) and is doing as well as we could expect with the constant interruptions that call away my attention from teaching him. We are beginning to look forward with mingled hope and foreboding toward the time of his going to America for schooling. It may be best that he should go with the Clapps in '74 He will then be 15 years old and his education a problem that could not well be

Rev. D. J. Atwood
Tai-chiu-fu, Feb. 10, 1873
Rec'd April 22d

delayed much longer. I am fain to belie
he is a better subject for an education than
his father was. He certainly begins better tho' h
is saying little to be sure. I should like to know yo
about sending. It is my happy duty to report the
birth of a son to Mr. & Mrs. Davis on Feb.
The mother and child thus far are doing very
and we hope she will soon be about at her
again. I was glad to have the help and com
of Dr. Goldsbury on the occasion. It is not alw
that he can leave home and in the rainy se
is next to impossible for him to get here if
could leave. So I shall be greatly relieved from an
as well as free to do evangelistic work when we
shall have a fully qualified medical missionary
the ground. The reason why I spoke of Mr. Penno
in particular was because I had been informed by
Davis that he had been appointed to Shansi. H
information must have been at fault in some
way, I judge from your letter. I hope you will b
to find us a good man for the place soon
Wishing to be remembered kindly to Mrs S
I remain with profound love and respect
Yours faithfully
D. J. Atwood.

Fen Cho fu, Mar. 4th '93.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

I have just returned from my visit to Ching Yüen during the respite from hospital work at New Year's time. The tour has greatly encouraged us and I write to give you my impressions while they are fresh in mind.

My purpose in making the tour was to look up some of the patients who had been for some time with us in the hospital and who had expressed more or less interest in the truth of the Gospel.

On Sun. the 3rd of the 1st moon (Feb. 19th) I had the pleasure of baptizing 4 converts and receiving 4 on probation. One of those baptized is Mr. Tu who has been studying the Scriptures with what help I could give him for about two years. He is a man of no remarkable talent but is an earnest believer in the Bible and tries conscientiously to follow its precepts. I took him with me on this tour to help me preach to the people and sell books.

The first day we stopped at a market-place marked Kuang sing Chen on the accompanying map which is a copy of a section of the Government map of Shansi. and is comparatively accurate. Here we were entertained in grand style by a man named Wang fu lin He had been relieved of terrible suffering by a simple surgical operation and ~~he~~ was pleased to see us and to entertain us in a royal manner. We could not endorse the business he and his partners were engaged in (which is the wholesale opium trade) but the clerks, (some 16 in number) listened gladly to the truth and were glad to get some of our Christian books.

We learned some facts about the opium trade. Among others was the statement that within 2 or 3 years (since the Chefoo convention when 80 taels additional duty per chest was laid on the foreign drug) the price has risen on the native drug very rapidly so that they now get only 3 oz. of the drug for one oz of silver whereas they used to get as many as 15 ounces for one oz. or tael of silver.

There are some 16 wholesale houses for the purchase of the drug in this and two other villages within a mile. This house at which we stopped does a business of from 70.000 to 80.000 Taels. and this is probably an average amount of the trade in the 16 houses which would give a yearly trade of 1,200,000 taels (the tael about equals one dollar)

This opium comes, nearly all of it from the fertile valley of the Kai ea (quick-sand) river which is nearly 200 li in length (130 mi) The mournful fact about it is that all the best and irrigated lands are used for this purpose. I was told that there are several flourishing villages upon this river.

From this place we started at daylight the next morning and visiting one patient at his home in a village 15 li (5 mi.) from here we stopped at Chao Cheng a Hien city - for breakfast here we were hospitably received by a man named Chang Yeung. He had been in the hospital with his family for nearly two months and had learned to love the truth to the extent of tearing down his idols; still he fears the ridicule of his friends and neighbours so much that he keeps a curtain over the niche in the wall still where they were.

After breakfast we went on and arrived early in the afternoon at Ching Yüen and learned that on the next day there was to be a great fair. Rising early the next morning we breakfasted at the inn, after earnest prayer that the Lord would bless and guide us in the work as he had done thus far for which we returned devout thanksgiving.

Driving to the fair grounds in our cart we found a crowd already assembled and

opened our stock of books and calendars and picture cards with texts. By 3 o'cl P.M. we had sold 215c cash worth of books &c.

At this hour we accepted the invitation of Mr. Liang (a former hospital patient) to take dinner at his house. Arrived there we found a more than sufficient feast provided. Indeed we warned him that unless such unnecessary spreads were dispensed with we should not in future dare to accept of his hospitality. In the evening the house was crowded with his friends and relatives who listened very attentively to the preaching of Mr. Iu and to Bible reading and the singing of 10 or 12 hymns.

Mr. and Mrs. Liang Polien both love the Truth. They certainly loved the Christian songs and asked us to sing more with them. Christianity has done much for this family and will do more. Here they sit now clothed and in their right minds and loving the things that we love. Three years ago Mr. Liang was totally blind from cataract. Both were opium eats and she a physical wreck. His blindness had made him helpless and his associates who were (tax-farmers) had expunged his name from the roll of collectors and were appropriating his share.

We operated on both eyes. The operations were successful. Cataract glasses were fitted and

he could once more attend to his business which was restored to him. He brought his wife who broke off the opium habit and was restored to bodily health so that she is as well as most women. She learned at the hospital to love the Truth and on going home destroyed her idols and is telling all her neighbours and relatives of the joy and blessedness that has come into her life. Hers is a truly beautiful face and she and her husband I believe are sure, by the grace of God, to do valiant service for the Master in Ching Yien.

The next day was largely spent in seeing patients. It seemed as though almost everyone in the city had suddenly become sick and our scanty supply of medicines was soon exhausted, and were obliged to refuse to see many patients.

My servant was to be married on the following Sunday in his home in the village of Li Man Chuang so leaving Mr. Su here to preach and sell books for a month we hastened on to Tai Kau and the next day reached the village of Li Man Chuang. This was to be the first Christian public wedding in this part of China and it was a grand object lesson to the 500 people who crowded into the two large courts to witness the ceremony which was purely Christian, not an element of heathen worship was

admitted. In the evening the coarse & silly custom called nao píng yu gave place to a quiet and earnest talk on Christianity by Mr. Lin - who was present and assisted in the ceremony, indeed the thoroughly Xian character of the ceremony was due very largely to his tact and influence. We hope the present hopeful outlook for the mission is but the beginning of greater and more blessed results in the future. May God bless the work!

I returned with Paul from Tai Kuk via Ping Yao and reached home on Thurs. having been gone just eleven days.

Mrs. A. had taken two hospital patients in my absence and now the hospital is already refilling. I hope the Boston order for medicines will soon arrive otherwise we shall be out of many useful medicines.

Please remember me to Mrs. Smith and believe me ever with deepest love and respect

Yours faithfully

E. J. Atwood

Received Feb. 14, 1892.

Fen Chó fu, March 4. 1893.

Rec'd May 9.

Fen Cho fu Mar. 27th 93.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

The painfull news of Dr. Goldsbury's death will doubtless have reached you before this does and you will know of our deep loss and consequent increased need of a medical missionary - not to fill his place - but to supply the urgent demand which his loss creates. It is hard to believe that any man could in so short a time have made for himself so large a place in all our hearts. We can not understand the mysterious plan of his leaving us. We stand paralyzed and dumb almost knowing hardly which way to turn. I received a call on Wed. after dark. At daylight I started on horse-back riding 45 miles that day and the other 8 miles before breakfast the next, reaching Tai Kuh on Fri. Mar. 17th the 6th day of the fever. At that time the fever was 105° in the morning. I remained with him until Tu morning Mar. 21st when I left him in care

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of Dr. Wilson from Shou Yang who arrived Sunday Mar. 19th.

Mar 18th Mrs. Price was confined unexpectedly in my absence and gave birth to a daughter Mrs. Atwood acting both as attending physician and nurse. It seemed necessary for me to return and I did so only to have in a few days of the Dr's death. I think all was done for him that could be done but the fever (which was typhus) had unfavorable symptoms from the start reaching a high point early in the morning.

Rev. D. J. Atwood
Ten-chou-fu
Received March 27, 1893
May 23

You will see at once the urgency of the case. We need two medical missionaries at once one at least on each side of the river because there are several months (2 to 3) of the year when it is practically impossible (sometimes absolutely so) to get from one side of the plain to the other. We need a hospital at Tai Kuh to do successful work and the lives and health of the missionaries there demand that a physician be sent there. The need here is practically the same. I feel sure you will do your utmost for us. With saddened hearts but with uplifted eyes we still go onward looking to Him for help.

As ever yours with profound love and respect

D. J. Atwood

Fen Chow Apr. 20th 1893.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Boston.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Will you kindly forward the enclosed M.S.S. to Mrs. Goldsbury at her address whatever it may be when this reaches you. I am at a loss to know how else to reach her as I do not know her address or Dr. Goldsbury's father's address.

The courier is waiting and I can not write this time. We have just returned from annual meeting and are getting into running order again. The hospital is full of patients and others are staying at inns in the city.

With much love and profound respect believe me as ever yours faithfully

D. J. Atwood

Tenn. Chan. Ft. Sanders
Dec. 24th 1863
Chaplain Ames

Fen Cho Fu May 23rd '93.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Smith:—

I have nothing of very great importance now to write about except the fact that we have all of us a superabundance of work on hand and all seem to be busily engaged at it.

The few Hospital rooms that we have here have been full for several months and quite crowded during the last two weeks. With our ten rooms we can accommodate 40 patients very comfortably; but with the 13 opium patients of the past week we have had about 50 in-patients. These have nearly all been men who could read and after being with us for a short time have shown enough interest in the Truth to buy Hymn books and N. Testaments and join in the worship

More than half of them come from Ching Yüen hsien, and Chao Chang hsien and from other points along the western side of the plain and some have given me earnest invitations to visit them in their homes. I hope the time may not be far distant when I may be able to get away from the hospital work to do so. At present we have no one to do this work. I had just planned a short visit to Ching Yüen on the 9th of May and should have been on my way in an hour when a call came from Miss Peterson of the Swedish contingent of the C.I.M. She had an attack of typhus which turned for the better on the 9th day. They have been stationed at San Chuan, a market village between 6 & 7 miles from us I made 5 visits during her sickness. I am glad to do the little I can, of course, for them but the wisdom of establishing half-manned stations so near us seems questionable, to say the least. It involves us more or less, especially as they live in cave-houses and badly ventilated apartments and mingle incautiously with the Chinese before they have acquired enough of the language to make it probable that they can give

any intelligent account of themselves or of the Truth. It would seem wiser to have these helpless girls, while they are preparing for usefulness, nearer some of the helps that missionary families and friends can give them. I felt strongly while riding back and forth that I would like to share back some of the responsibility of this folly upon the shoulders of those who are responsible for it.

Mrs. Williams is with us here at Fen Cho fu while her husband is on on the road with Mrs. Goldbury on her sad journey.

Unusually good rains about two weeks ago have made the prospect of a fairly good wheat-harvest next month and the price of flour has already fallen nearly 1/4 of its former price and the poor people seem to be in better spirits.

All at this station are in usual health.

With kindest remembrances to Mrs Smith allow me to remain as ever with profound love and respect

Yours faithfully

J. Atwood.

Fen-chow-fu, May 23, 1893

Filed July 13

Fen Chu fu., Aug. 15th, '93

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Your letter of May 5th was received two weeks ago and should have been answered sooner but we were waiting for developements in regard to the buying of ground for the new school building. It seemed for a time that the Chinese would not sell any ground contiguous to our premises except at exhorbitant prices and we were somewhat discouraged but through the efforts of my hospital assistant a fairly suitable piece of ground was bought at forty taels (the tael is now about on par with the U.S. gold dollar) The former price was several hundred taels. We were very glad to secure the ground at so reasonable a rate and work was at once commenced on the building which will we hope be ready for occupancy this fall

The teacher, who was a confirmed Confucianist, has been discharged partly because of

share in the pilot to keep the price of the ground up, but more on account of his bad influence on the scholars and general work of the station.

We hope to get a man who is a professing Christian and a genial man of good repute among his neighbors and not an opium smoker for teacher of the school this coming term. With new and sanitary rooms and with a teacher of pronounced Christian influence we shall feel that a good stride in advance has been taken.

I am glad to be able to report all well in the mission at present Mr. and Mrs. Williams are spending a few weeks with us at present on her account but hope to be able to return to Tái Kuh by the last of Sept. We have heard with joy of the probable advent among us this fall of Mr. Partridge and hope it may be true. We still also hope for a physician for Tái Kuh this fall.

With sincere regards to Mrs. Smith believe me

Yours with profound love and respect

D. J. Atwood.

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Fen Cho fu, Sep. 26th, 1892.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

Your kind letter of July 15th came by last mail and was read with great interest. Your intelligent interest in the welfare and progress of the work is very stimulating and helpful to us engaged in the work. The cases of those who were baptized here have given evidence that a genuine growth of grace was begun and has not died out. We have hopes that the work of grace will go on not only with them but in other cases. There are many who have been interested in the truth and we hope and pray that the Holy Spirit will bring the truth thus learned home to them with converting power. Sudden conversions do not seem to be the rule in China and perhaps more time is required by the Chinese mind than is usually the case. At any rate time seems a large element in making up a decision of any kind with them.

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As to organizing a Church we all feel the desirability and need of it. Even two coals burn with more warmth when put together and the Chinese need the help that comes from union. We hope that by next year we shall have the nucleus of a church organization both here and at Tai Ku. How far they will be self-supporting remains to be seen. The fact that most of those baptized there are either servants under pay of the missionaries or small boys partly supported by the mission may delay the period of self-support so far as they are concerned; but we hope it will not prevent the gathering in of others who may help the progress of the Gospel from the means that God has given them. The class of the wealthy and influential in Shansi is a very large class and if they were reached might help on the Gospel wonderfully if they would. But we are finding out more and more how hard it is for them that trust in riches to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. It is a common proverb among the Chinese that 'he who has riches fears not even devils'.

I am pleased to be able to report another tour to Ching Yüen. On the 19th of Sep. accompanied by Mr. Williams I went with medicines and tracts to visit the school which Mr. Tu teaches there. At Chao Cheng we visited a Mr. Chang who has consented to become teacher of the boys' school here in Fen Cho fu. He is a very pleasant

man from the middle class; has a farm which he rents ~~out~~ for money rent. His family was in the hospital four months, where they heard the Gospel preached and believed it. On returning home the family idols were destroyed in the fire and the niche in the wall where they had been, was plastered up. His wife, who is a cripple, has learned to read the New Testament and a little slave girl belonging to the family twelve years old, learned to sing several Christian songs. She had taught them to other little girls in the same court who seem to love to sing them. In this way the truth is becoming known in that region. A number of patients were treated here and two cataract cases were advised to come to the hospital for treatment.

At Ching Yüen we found Mr. Tu faithfully at work with the boys in the school. There is an average attendance of eighteen, with twenty-five on the roll. The quarters at present are incommodious and small. The roofs leak badly and very little sunlight reaches the interior. Three families live in the same court and their quarrels often disturb the school. The street door is used in common by these families and the school so that the teacher is a good deal under the controll of the public. The cost of the school is small. The rent is only 500 cash a month or about 23 cents, and the teacher's expenses for 6 months past were 19,000 cash or about $8.75. The boys are making good progress in Christian knowledge and some

4 or 5 give promise of more than average ability and attractiveness. Mr. Lu's conscientious and consecrated Christian life can not but have a good influence upon them. We hoped to find some more convenient and pleasant quarters for the school on this tour but nothing within our present means could be found. A good many patients were treated and some advised to come to Fen Cho fu for treatment.

We rejoice with the Tai Ku station at the coming of another bird to flock with the present Bird. and we hope the one for Fen Cho fu may be plumming her wings for a flight this way soon. The hospital just now has the appearance of being a woman's hospital. Most of the inmates at present are women. If we had separate wards for men and women both would be filled to the full extent of their capacity. The present financial condition of the Board, however, makes us hesitate to ask for funds for this purpose.

I have the pleasure of reporting another addition to our numbers of a little girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams in our house on Aug. 23rd (my wife's birth-day) Mother and child have both done so well that the family are planning to go to Tai Ku this week.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Smith I remain as ever

with profound love and respect

Yours faithfully J. J. Atwood

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Fen Cho fu, Oct. 24th 1893

Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

I can not say this time that there is nothing unusual to write. We have all of us been a good deal exercised during the past two weeks in regard to our brother missionary and colleague, Mr. Davis. He was suddenly prostrated with what seemed an attack of la grippe accompanied with more than usual weakness so that his life almost seemed in danger. His mind seemed to wander until acute and persistent delirium set in and he became at times almost unmanageable. On Wed. of last week, after a heavy hypnotic he slept eight hours and since that time has steadily been gaining in strength, both of body and mind. I have been very reluctant to believe that the attack

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indicates any thing more than a functional derangement of the brain He has had marked locomotor ataxia with exaggerated reflexes. This is gradually disappearing and his mind is clearing quite - rapidly though his not himself as yet; though I hope he may fully recover his wonted strength of mind with return of full physical strength.

+ I confess that I am not without serious misgivings in regard to the case from some things in the history of his past life) A fall of thirty feet on ship-board and fainting spells of more or less frequency since that the physicians consulted were at a loss to explain, and growing irritability towards the Chinese and even toward his wife are facts that create some apprehension of a serious diagnosis; (still I have hopes from the rapidity of his present recovery that ~~these~~ ~~may~~ all to explained on my first theory of a functional derangement due to a severe and nervous form of la grippe)

How often I have longed for a more experienced medical man to give a judgement in the case!

It has been a very great strain upon Mrs. Davis - so unused to

any thing of the kind and the nerves of all the members of the station have been more or less severely tried.

Mr. and Mrs. Clapp have been here a few days and have greatly assisted Mrs. Davis in her time of need. It will be a very sore trial to Mrs. Davis should she be called upon to give up the girls' school just as she is beginning the work so auspiciously if it should be found necessary for them to return to the home land.

22 The hospital is full of patients. The majority has been of women for the past month. There were twenty-five women in the hospital last week. We very much need a woman's court now that harvest is over and male patients begin to come in.

Today I operated on an old man 74 years old. His son, who is a Chü Jén, was present with his son who has children at home — representing four generations. Mr. Liang of Ching yüen is here breaking off opium with others. There are four cases of cataract now in the hospital from three cities on the west side of the plain. Thus the material

benefits of Christianity are being widely diffused over the plain. The spiritual blessings they are not so eager to accept but we faint not and with all the strength that God gives us and with the help of his Holy Spirit we preach the Word of God "in season and out of season" in faith that in God's own time the seed will spring up and bring forth fruit to his honour and glory.

Let not the prayers of God's people cease for us here in this far off corner of the world! What can we do without them and the help of the Holy Spirit!

With kindest regards to Mrs. Smith from us both and to yourself believe me as ever

with Profound love and respect

Yours faithfully

J. J. Atwood.

Rev. J. J. Atwood
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From Chefu, Oct. 24, 1893.

Rec'd Dec. 20.

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Fen Chofu Dec 19th 1893

Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Some time has elapsed since I wrote you about the case of our brother, Mr. Davis. Since I wrote he has been with his family to Tai Ku, Tai Yüen fu and Jen Tsiung and has returned to this place. The change has done him good even more than I expected it would and I am pleased to observe a great improvement in his health so that in general appearance he seems almost his old self. There are still some symptoms of the trouble remaining, however, enough to cause some misgivings as to the future prognosis. Time will be required to confirm or clear away these doubts. In the mean time it will be necessary for him to be very moderate in his work and to favor himself as much as possible. It will be hard for him to relax work in any degree yet I feel that it is imperatively necessary

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if he is to remain with us on the field.

Last week brought a summons from Tai Ku to attend Mr. Williams who was supposed to be sick with diptheria. It proved to be a case of severe follicular tonsilitis. He made the usual prompt recovery and I was able to return to the assistance of my dispensary assistant who had joined the ranks of the sick in the hospital.

The work of the hospital is just now especially encouraging as there are several who seem to have taken an interest in the Gospel. The hospital wards are full continually to their utmost capacity and many have to be refused accommodation. If we had twice as much room there would be none vacant.

We are anxious to hear from the ann. meeting of the Bd. and are earnestly praying that a harmonious settlement of troubles has been arived at so that the work of the Lord may not be interrupted any longer.

With Christian love from both of us to both yourself and Mrs. Smith I remain with profoundest love and respect

Yours faithfully

D. J. Atwood.

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Ans. Sept. 22 1882

From Ohio fu, Dec. 19. 1893.

Rec'd Feb. 23, 1894.

Fen Chu fu, Apr. 12th '94

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

The meetings of our annual gathering just closed last evening and I take this opportunity as the mail is just leaving to write if only a line.

Every member of the mission, old or young was able to be present and we have had a most blessed and helpful meeting The spirit of harmony and brotherly love was most remarkable. Not a note of discord was struck although some perplexing matters were discussed freely. The tender spirit of Christian love was an evident seal of the Spirits presence among us.

I will not anticipate the general reports more than to say that here at Nan Shui Ching it is evident to all

the bretheren that the work is being materially hindered by the want of a domestic chapel of sufficient size. Our present waiting room is crowded to suffocation with the patients of the refuge and hospital alone. The school boys, servants and people are left out of the question of being admitted. The requires another service to be held on the premises at which Mr. Price preaches. But his services are needed at other preaching places. If we had a Chapel large enough to accommodate all it would relieve one of us to preach elsewhere. This seems to be a most imperative need.

The work of the hospital has more than doubled during the last year. So have the free-will gifts. The Amt. for the 9 mos. to Jan 1st was $70.11 This shows that foreign medicine is beginning to be appreciated. There are some hopes that some of the wealthy people whom we have treated lately may help us to build other hospital wards. We have had a number of quite wealthy patients lately from the city of Chi Hsien and a splendid offer has been made us to open work there Recently I made two visits there in answer to summons from the Yamen to

attend the Lusian magistrate in his illness. A number of the wealthier men invited me into their families to hear sickness and I was shown very great consideration. A very fine building was offered rent free if we would come there to live.

For all this we are glad and only wish we had force enough to press forward at once; but we are reminded of the severe depression in finance at home and the lack of money. The Lord will remedy the need in his own good time.

Paul is on his way with the Clapp to the home land. We shall miss his presence sadly but rejoice that he is going to better surroundings and advantages.

Please remember us both kindly to Mrs. Smith. I will write at more length soon

Yours with profoundest love and respect

D. J. Atwood

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Filed June 12

Dear Dr Smith:—

Will you pardon me for writing only a line in explanation of the medical report herewith forwarded to you. As there was no work to be reported on at Tai Yen the medical report from Fen Chow fu was all there was to be presented to the mission and I send it to you as it was presented to the mission.

Dr. Strong has asked me to write a short article for the Herald on the present aspects of the medical work of the mission. I hope to have it ready to send him by the next mail.

Gen. J. J. Stinson
Sun Display Opera House
Dated June 1

Dear Dr Smith:-

Will you pardon me for troubling you in regard to if the medicine report Kennedy promised to give. We have not much of a reputation on this for the medical report from Shelby was all we need to prevent it the minister and I would if you could get it the minister.

Mr. Albert has asked me to write and request by the Herald in the great request of the medical men of the minister. I hope it has reached it and this is the next mail.

The work seems to be growing in all direction and we are much cramped for lack of room. If we could double our accommodations the lack would only be partly met.

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Fen Chofu, May 30th, 1894.

Rev. E. E. Strong D.D.,
Boston, Mass..

Dear Dr. Strong:-

Herewith the M.S. of the letter on the Present Aspect of the Medical Work in the Shansi Mission according to the request of your letter received some time since. My only excuse for the delay is that I waited for "the grip" to let up its hold on my head a little so that I might write an intelligent idea of the work. I fear it is not now what you desire and I am sure it is not at all satisfactory to me; but it seems to be the best I can do now; so I send it on hoping it may be of some value for the purpose you intended.

With more settled weather we all shall hope to be in better condition for work. Just now several of our number are more or less suffering with various forms of the epidemic.

Hoping this will find you in health and strength
I remain with much respect
Yours faithfully
J. J. Atwood.

Per. T. J. Elliott,

Fen cho fee, May 30.

Filed Aug 8, 94

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and a starvation of any laudable aspirations or worthy enterprises. And yet it would be better to wait even twenty years until we are pretty well agreed as a mission than to plunge the mission into such a bootless discussion as wasted several years of its energies. Happily the bitter personal elements are nearly all gone and I do not believe the mission will again become so embroiled in any case.

The past two weeks have been a time of some anxiety for us all owing to Mr. Williams' sickness at Jen Tsin and Mrs. Davis' confinement at the same time here at the summer resort. Thanks to the kindness of Mr. Dixon and Dr. Edwards of Fai Yien fu Mr. Williams was not left without medical attendance. Mrs. Davis was safely delivered of a son on the 20th of June; but owing to the failure of the foramen ovale to close the foetal circulation did not change to the ordinary circulation and the child's life among us was thus suddenly cut short. Mrs. Davis has borne this loss very bravely and has made a good recovery and will, we trust, soon be able to return to her work. Mr. Davis' health also has perceptably improved since we came out here. I am returning to the city tonight and shall hope to write more regularly and fully hereafter. Hoping to hear soon from you I remain

Yours with profoundest love and respect

C. J. Atwood.

From Chó fu, July 3, 1877.

Rec'd Aug. 24.

Fen Chow fu Aug. 15th 1894

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.,
Boston Mass.,

Dear Dr. Smith,-

I presume that Mrs. Williams has written you about her husband's illness but perhaps you would like a word from myself in regard to it:

About the time of Mrs. Davis' confinement he had an attack of what Dr. Edwards of Tai Yüen fu diagnosticated as typhlitis and in July another attack occurred very much like the first. I was able to leave home then and to attend him through this illness.

He seemed very much prostrated by these two attacks, both physically and mentally and was very despondent. It seemed to us all that a change was called for so he came to Fen Chow fu in a sedan chair and stood the journey very well looking and feeling better allready on his arrival and he steadily improved while at our house in the city.

Fen Chow fu, 15 Aug 1894

a further change to the summer resort at the river seemed desirable so he was conveyed hither in the same way but was seized with another attack before reaching the valley.

This has not seemed quite so serious as the others and he has recovered more rapidly and is cheerful and hopefull.

We are by no means free from anxiety on account of his condition but the present outlook gives us considerable hope of ultimate recovery. Whether it will be advisable or necessary for him to leave the work temporarily is a question that time and further observation will settle.

Under these circumstances you will understand why the announcement in your letter of June 1st of the good prospect of a physician for Shansi is especially encouraging. I hope it may not be another disappointment to the Tai Ku station.

The rest of the mission are in usual health and are joyfull and hopefull for another year of service in this remote part of the Lord's vineyard.

Thank to acknowledge also your letter of June 13th and to thank you for the word of sympathy in our separation from Paul.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Smith I remain with great love and esteem Yours D. J. Atwood

Rec'd Oct. 7, 1887

Fen Chó Fu, Aug. 15, 1894.

Filed Oct. 2.

Fen Chofu, Nov. 30th '94.

Rev Judson Smith D. D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

It seems a long time since we have had any tidings from you either directly or indirectly; but we shall hope and pray that the Lord in his mercy has blessed you with full return of health and made it possible for you to return to your accustomed sphere of labours so that we shall hear from you before much longer.

I will not burden you by recounting all that has befallen us since you left the rooms at Boston; but I want to say that the Lord has been very gracious to us as a mission. Mrs. Davis' life was spared to the mission in her confinement in June although the life of their little one went out within a day or two of birth from failure to establish circulation! Mr. Williams was sick at the time and had the help of Dr. Edwards from Tai Yüen fu. In July I was called to visit him at Jen Tsun and as he seemed to be in for a long siege of illness

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he was moved in a sedan chair to our summer resort at Nü tao lu. There he gradually improved in health. He was not able to return to Tai Ku however, until ~~the~~ about the 1st of Nov. Before his return to Tai Ku I was called to that place to attend Miss. Bird who was down with fever. At the same time Gladys Williams was very ill with dysentery and it seemed almost like choosing between two lives to leave her and go to Miss. Bird. In answer to prayer the Lord was pleased to restore both to health. In the midst of this trouble it was a great relief, as you can easily believe, to have Dr. Hall appear on the field, especially as Mr. Atwater was down with fever a few days after and also their little daughter Mary.

So much fever and sickness in the Chinese courts in Tai Ku has at last convinced all the members of the mission that it is not worth while to make further experiments in that direction. In all probability we should have had Dr. Goldsbury with us still had he been provided with sanitary quarters.

Dr. Hall's opinion coincides with that of the rest of us and he is unwilling to take his family into the city or to take up work in the city on the premises owned or rented by the mission.

It now seems probable that land and bankrupt property can be obtained for

a few hundred dollars in the village of Lichlan or in some other village nearer and that sanitary quarters can be secured for the members of the station and for the school which is constantly growing in size. The school will be benefitted in every way by removal from its present quarters and there is no aspect of the work that will not be benefitted and put on a better basis for the future. We look almost with disgust at the present financial stress of the Board and yet with a hope born of despair we turn to the churches for help.

My private opinion is that Tai Sen and Jen Tsin could profitably combine their forces at a point between the two places on the great road where land can be bought for $10 or $5 an acre and building materials are as cheap as anywhere in China, and old buildings can be bought at a small fraction of their original cost and the materials used in building good sanitary quarters suitable to the work in hand. A part of the force of workers can thus be spared to reach other places that are lying neglected.

The work here in Fen Chofu goes on quietly as before the war with Japan. It is wonderfull how little excitement prevails among the people. The deception and trickery of officials in dealing with the soldiers and people is chilling to valour and patriotism. Nearly one half of the first levy of soldiers from

here deserted before leaving the capitol of the province. The commander tried to fool the authorities and take pay for the whole number. Some of the deserters returned home and re-enlisted in the cavalry corps of the new levy. The recruiting officer knew their identity; but winked at their treachery and the soldiers were in turn cheated by finding that they were turned into infantry as the government would provide no more horses. Thus the process of "deceiving and being deceived" goes on while the Japs are steadily advancing on Peking. What the Lord will bring out of it all is as yet unknown to us; but that it will be good we can not doubt. It can not be worse than now.

We have about the usual number of opium reformers in the refuge and of patients in hospital. The number who come to dispensary clinics seems to be slightly decreasing just at present. This may be partly owing to the rumours abroad that all the foreigners have gone to the coast. At any rate we are continually receiving fresh invoices of heathen men and women and trying with the grace daily given us from Above to cast out Satan and instill the spirit of the Living Christ into their lives.

Wishing to be remembered kindly to Mrs. Smith believe me still as ever with profound love and respect

Yours faithfully D. J. Atwood.

From Chowfu, Nov. 30, 1894.

Rec'd Feb. 7, 1895.

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Tsen Chofu, Mar. 25th, 95.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:

Your kind letter of Jan 5th in which you express such generous words of appreciation of my letters to yourself was receind by last mail. Thank you for your kind words and I will try to be more faithfull in the future to merit if possible your kind appreciation.

The new year's campeign, of which I wrote you gave us quite an impetus in the right direction; since then there has been a decided increase of interest in the preaching of the Word on Sunday as well as at daily morning prayers at the hospital. On the 12th of Mar., as Mr. Price no doubt has written you, there were seven baptized and some were taken on probation. Since then several more have applied and last Sun. one other received the rite of baptism. This does not represent all the interest newly aroused for most of these applied a year ago for baptism. In the case of one of them, Mr. Wu, a man of 45 years of age, it turned out on his examination

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that he had heard the Gospel preached ten years ago at Paoling fu in the old chapel in the Chinese city and was convinced then of its truth. He was bound with the chains of the opium habit. When told that he could be freed from these chains he came to us for that purpose and for more than a year he has been a free man in Christ. We have other cases among these opium patients who have professed repentance and one especially gives good promise of sincerity. The work is a discouraging one in many ways but I am glad to be able to say that it is growing less discouraging as we get more experience with such cases. We sadly need a separate compound for this work as well as one for the women. We now have men and women in the same court and we must do it or our work will suffer.

The number of those who have broken off opium with us is a little over 400 some of these have been followed to their villages and looked after and a wider knowledge of the field is gained at least. I made a visit last week to the village of Tung Chia. 10 miles east where

we have had eleven opium patients. It is a village of more than 1000 inhabitants and many of them have had their attention turned towards us at least.

In the hospital we have just lately had a number of melancholy cases of attempted suicide by throat-cutting. Also two cases of attempted murder. One of these had 12 separate sword wounds, some of them very severe, but not necessarily fatal. We have also one case of fracture of the bones of the leg. We are far from the field of battle but our hospital is taking on the appearance of a field hospital. It shows that the Chinese are not so much in danger of the Japanese as they are from lust and avarice. The cases of violence on account of gambling or other debts seem to be increasing with a terrible increase. Opium and gambling – these twin demons – are killing more victims than the Japanese will if they continue their war right along through the year. Not many in the interior realize the desperate condition of the government at Peking; and if peace could be gained now the people would never know the truth so diligently have they

been fed with lying stories by the officials; but some of them have begun to realize the awful danger China is in of utter ruin from opium. My medical assistant has just found an anti-opium tract with cartoon at a native printer. It bemoans the utter ruin of China by means of opium. It seems to me a tract of great value and if circulated in connection with a good Gospel tract is sure to do much good. It can be had at $1. a thousand and a good Gospel tract that we have can be printed here at the same price by native printers and these can be widely circulated at the large fairs.

I have been completing a commentary on the Lord's Prayer lately for the use of the patients. This "common heritage of the world" they seem to take hold of sooner than almost any other part of the Gospel to lost men. All who come to the hospital, nearly without exception, learn to join with us in its repetition.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Smith believe me as ever with profound love and respect

Yours faithfully

D. J. Atwood.

a two weeks vacation from school duties and to assist at a series of meetings here which we had already planned to reach the educated and merchant classes. Invitations to a feast were sent to these classes on different days. First a number of scholars were invited to a feast in the after-noon and they stayed until evening to a magic-lantern exhibition of Bible scenes and other views. Mr. Liu used the occasion to good effect by preaching to these scholars. Next the merchant classes and some from the hospital came. Altogether about 50 were invited and no one failed to come. This method of reaching their hearts through the stomach, the seat of a Chinaman's affections, originated with Mr. Liu; at least he suggested it two or three years ago and now it has been tried. Although no direct spiritual results may come of it, I think that indirectly much good was done. The teaching on natural history, astronomy and the Bible all from a Christian standpoint will do good. One scholar was heard to say during the talks "Now I have had my eyes opened".

Mr. Liu preached several powerful sermons to the hospital patients and others in the waiting-room and when a request was made for those who wished to follow Christ to arise, seven stood up. This has given us an impulse in the right direction and much genuine interest seems to be manifested in the Truth.. The people's minds are very dark. Even the scholar class; how ignorant they are! The Truth percolates through their minds so slowly. The Spirit of God, however, is mooring about above the abyss of chaos and cosmos will sometime result — all in his own good time".

The members of the station are in usual health. There are times when we feel that we would have the war ended if we could; but God will bring good to this people out of present disaster. There is a mighty nation latent in this land May God bring it forth with songs of praise to his glory!

We are glad to think of you back again at the Rooms and shall hope to hear from you often hereafter. With kindest regards to Mrs Smith from us both believe me as ever yours

with profound love and respect

J. J. Atwood

Sen-Chow-fu, Mar. 12 1813

Rec'd May 13

Fen Cho fu Mar. 12th 95

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

It is a constant source of wonder to us (or it would be did we not know that the hearts of all men are in His hands as water to turn them whithersoever he will) that we are living on so peacably in this time of war and turmoil in China. We go on in about the same manner from day to day as before the war. There was a time during the fall, it is true, that the numbers coming to the dispensary and hospital were sensibly diminished owing, no doubt, to the fact that a rumour was pretty generally circulated that the foreigners had all left for the coast. They have found out that we are still here and come to us as usual. There seems to be an increasing desire among the people in the villages especially to leave off the opium habit. We have

not advertized this phase of our work. But those who return to their homes cured are observed by their friends and as soon as they are convinced that the cure is genuine are filled with a desire to "go and do likewise". We have men and women both in one court. These were taken (the women) under protest but it seemed hard to refuse on account of lack of proper convinences. One man and his wife and little child are here (all the family) for the purpose of leaving off the habit. In former years they were well to do. Their only child was killed by a wolf and to drown their grief they took to the opium habit. A farm of 60 acres a flock of 100 sheep, mules, carts, furniture &c. all disappeared down the pin-head hole of the opium pipe. At length another child was born to them and now the parents feel themselves obliged to do something to support this little son.

At the beginning of the Chinese new year I was enabled to get away for the usual tour to Ching Yuen and found Mr. Tu faithfully at work in the boys school there. We made several pleasant visits to former hospital patients and found hearts receptive to Gospel truth in some cases. This teacher and Mr. Liu of the Faiku school were invited to return to Fen Cho fu for

P.S. Mar. 27th

I write a word more today to let you know the encouraging news that today four more men in the refuge and hospital applied for baptism. They have manifested an interest in Christianity - for some time and this morning after prayers and remarks on 1 Pet. IV. 3,4, they came forward of their own accord and asked to be taken into fellowship of Christians and were received on a years probation. This makes six who have lately professed Christ openly in the hospital. Many others have been impressed with the truth of the Gospel but have not yet been able to withstand the ridicule of their people and take an independent stand. It appears to them to be giving up all for Christ in a literal sense and they see no way clear to even earn a living if once they renounce heathenism.

Mr. Price has been quite sick with inflamation of the bowels for several days but is much better today. I hope he may be up by tomorrow

Yours &c D. J. A.

Rec'd May 18

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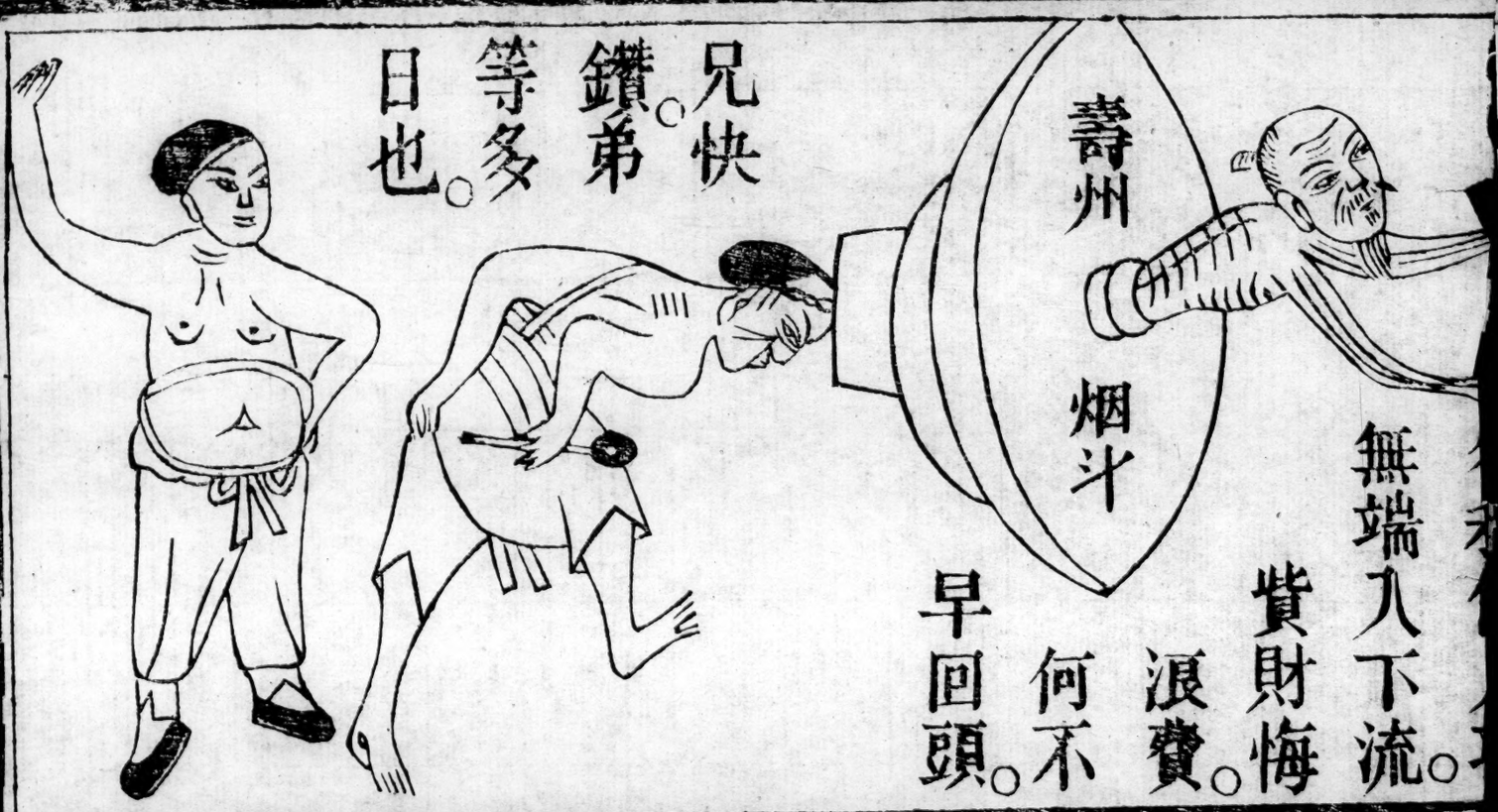

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Fen Chow fu May 21st '95

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Your kind letter of Feb. 13th came duly to hand and was read with pleasure. I am glad to be able to say that your request was carried out before your letter could arrive. I urged upon the brethren at Tai Ku at our An. meeting to make the move that you suggest and I think that practical steps have been taken in the right direction Dr. Hall and Mr. Williams have rented very comfortable and pleasant houses in Li Man for very small rent. These buildings and walls could be bought for less than $500. and the mission could not build as good for $5000. There are other grounds and buildings adjoining that can be secured at as relatively cheap figures to accommodate all the work of the station and I should myself favour the location of the

station there but some of the brethren have what to them seem serious objections to moving so far away from the city. and those at Jen Tsun feel a little sensitive at having the Tai Ku station moved any nearer them. It would seem to me that one station well manned could, in the future, attend to the work in this part of the field better than two so near together and with less friction and better economy of forces. The brethren have not yet reached that period of experience where they see this so clearly as I feel sure they will see it in the future and a little more time and experience will prove to all that it would be better to move the forces at Jen Tsun across the plain to Ching Yuen or Chao Cheng or some intermediate point, and then we should begin to plan for our fourth station at Ping Yao or Chi Hsien or some intermediate point.

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of the war (now happily closed) the rumour was largely circulated that the foreigners had all left the country. I have personally handed 20,000 tracts to about 10,000 people at four of these fairs within the past month. In nearly every case they have been kindly received and little rudeness was offered. It is difficult to judge as yet what the effect of the war, if any, will be ~~made~~ upon the common people. We hear very few expressions as yet from any one about it. Whether this silence means indifference or reserve of opinion remains to be seen.

Externally there seems to be no less of friendly feeling toward us. I have just received a fan from the Fu and Hsien magistrates written upon in their own hand writings with expressions of honour and esteem so effusive as would befit the court of St. James. This gift was ostensibly on account of medical services rendered to friends of these officials or to members of their own families.

The practice of the soldiers with muskets just outside of the wall, within a stone's throw of our premises,

does not cease at all yet since the news of peace has arrived. The advent of foreign muskets with gleaming steel among the soldiers of Fen Cho fu is an event of considerable importance, marking a transition from spears and bows and rusty flint-locks to modern arms and warfare. So seemingly insignificant a matter may be portentous of great movements in the history of this people. Is not now the time for Gods' people to put in their work for him with renewed energy of purpose? May the great Head of the Church move his children to go forth to victory!

My sister writes of some exhibitions of the curios Paul took home to be sold for the benefit of the hospital work and besides a good deal of interest some dollars were realized from admittance fees and the things remain to be sold still.

We are grateful to hear of Paul's progress and continued health at Oberlin. He will be in Delaware by the time this reaches you.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs Smith and believe me as ever

Yours with profoundest love and respect

D. J. Atwood.

Sen. Schow. fr. May 21-1895

Rec'd July 11

Fen Chu fu, Apr. 23rd '95

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

I have just returned (Apr. 20th) from An. meeting of the mission at Jen Tsun. We had very pleasant and profitable meetings. There was less than usual to occupy the attention of the mission in the way of business and the devotional meetings were made the most important feature to the great satisfaction and profit of all who attended. There were 13 adults present. Mr. Price was not able to attend but we were thankful that he was fairly convalescent. He seems weak still but is gaining slowly in strength and appearance so that I hope to see him fairly well before the heat of summer sets in.

In our absence at An. meeting the boys of the boys school (30 in all) were poisoned in

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their food by the cook as it seems at present. The cook and teacher had a quarrel over the buying of the flour for the school. The boys evidently sided with the teacher and the cook took revenge on the boys. The hospital assistant gave an emetic promptly and no fatal consequences resulted.

Since our return 5 more names have been added to our roll of probationers, making 17 since the Chinese N. Y. from the hospital patients. The outlook seems brighter than ever before in the history of this station. We seem to be catching the stimulation of the first refreshing breeze of the moving of the Divine presence among us. It seems almost too good to believe! God grant it may not be evanescent!

The attitude of the people toward us has certainly changed within the past few months and many are enquiring into the "new way" who before have held us in contempt. The times seem portentous. What is in store only the Master knows. In his hands all shall go well.

Please excuse this short letter this time.

With profoundest love and respect, J. J. Atwood.

Sen-Chow-fu, April 25-1890

Recd June 18

Fen Cho for June 4th '95

Rev. Judson Smith D. D.,
1 Somerset St.,
Boston.

My dear Dr. Smith:—

Referring to your letter of Mar. 15th to the Sec. of the mission in regard to the matter of salaries, as Chairman of the Com. on estimates for '96 I would say that the estimates were made out at the com. meeting in Apr. and hence the recommendation in your letter is of course too late for that Com. to act upon. I would say that the Com. on estimates figured very carefully on the needs for the coming year and everything not really needed for the maintanance of the work at its present condition was cut off from the list so that the figures finally voted upon represent the real needs of the mission and not any prospective needs as in former

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years.

In regard to the matter of personal salaries the mission has once reduced the salaries of its members voluntarily 5% and has been running on that basis for a number of years. Those of us who have children to support have not found a very large margin to spare from this Amt. tho' we have not found ourselves pinched. We feel satisfied that the Board has well provided for our necessities. In the present financial stress we feel it our duty to make all the sacrifices possible to save the Board from debt and a proposition of a further reduction of 5% has the approval of some and I believe will have the approval of all the mission. While we are glad, I believe, all of us to make such a reduction, temporarily at least, it ought to be said at the same time that we can not maintain our usefulness as we ought to very long on a reduction like this or lower.

When appropriations for new work are cut off we can fall back on our ability deny ourselves luxuries & even some necessities for a time

in order that we may have something over to piece out our work. E.g. I have just paid out 70.000 cash (about $35.) for tracts for a special work that needed to be done. Nearly all of us furnish our own tracts and books to use in our own work and this is only one item of many that we can not foresee or do not wish to ~~force~~ urge on the attention of the Board. If this last resort is cut off in addition to the cutting down of estimates for new work you can see, I think, that it constitutes a serious discouragement that would be hard to bear for a series of years on a field so difficult to work as ours is.

I do not wish even to seem to be complaining; and I am not complaining; but when I hear of the criticism that we have less of hardship and more of comfort than those in the home field I am reminded of the words of the Colored man who was told that he would be better off in the South under his old master. "Massa, de situation am open".

We are willing to run at "half-speed" if it is the Lords' will and we will try to not

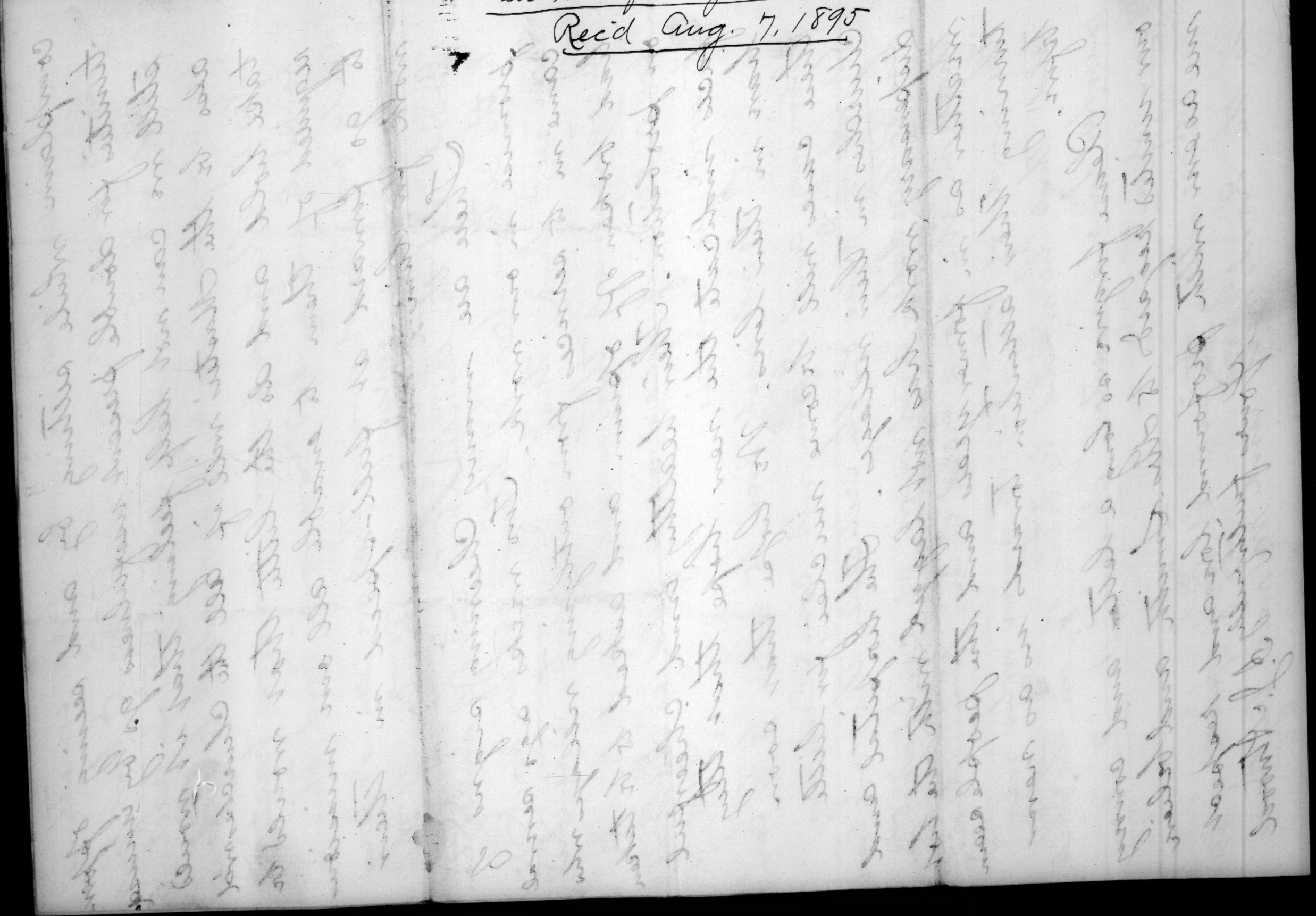
complain while sitting by and seeing opportunities for double present usefulness go by unused still we can not help feeling that it would also be the Master's will if all the churches would take hold and do the little that would be required of them to enable all our missions to go forward at full-speed in their work for him.

There are many cheering signs of promise in our work. Two weeks ago several came in to services from outlying villages who had broken off opium and asked to be taken on probation. Their healthy and cheerful faces indicate the new hope that they have in their lives. We hope that soon these cases will become nuclei for little churches in their villages. The hospital and dispensary work has not lagged with the hot weather as in former years and the people seem turning their attention towards us as never before.

Please forgive so long a letter and convey our united regards to Mrs. Smith and believe me as ever with profound love and respect

Yours faithfully D. J. Atwood

Fen-Cho-fu - June 4, 1895
Recd Aug. 7, 1895



Fen Chu fu, Sep. 24th '95.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:—

Your very kind letter of June 2nd came two mails ago and I should have written last mail but was called to Li Man Chuang to attend Dr. Hall who was prostrated with a severe attack of rheumatic fever. I was able to make the trip on horse-back (62⅓ miles) in one day and be in time to relieve him considerably from severe suffering. I am glad to report that he was convalescent when I left at the end of 6 days and I hear that he is still improving so that we may expect that he will be able to be about his work again before many weeks.

You have no doubt been informed of the serious anti-foreign disturbances in Sy Chuan as well as the horrible massacre in the province of Fu Chien. I think it is safe to say that this work of these fiends in-

carnate has caused great excitement all over China. The crass ignorance of the people makes them ready tools for the officials high in power to vent their spleen on missionaries and demolish the work they try to do.

Probably the phlegmatic temperament of the Shansi people makes them a poor conducting medium for evil as well as good impulses to a large extent. It may be due to this somewhat that we have been in comparative quiet during all these disturbances. Some have noticed an increase of the usual calling out of the epithet "foreign devil" in some parts of this plain; but beyond this there has been no unusual demonstration of violence or hatred among the people. There seems to be some evidence of the efforts of evil officials to stir up anti-foreign feeling. The people's ears are filled with stories of how Japan has been over-run by the Black Flags and their people slaughtered and all foreign countries who helped Japan including England and America have been terrified and have become the abject slaves of China.

Just now a proclamation has come from the central Gov't ordering the stories and

all anti-foreign stories or demonstrations put a stop to immediately on pain of the severest penalties. I suppose this is one of the results of Minister Denby's representations to the Chinese Gov't. So far as words go this proclamation seems to be all that could be desired (so far as it goes) but to have any lasting effect in China the head of the serpent will have to be crushed.

The people are all right, as usual. They would hear the Gospel gladly were it not for these agents of Satan who go around stirring up the people. That Old Serpent shows clear signs of having been pricked by recent events of history. It is shown by the recent squirming. We mourn the sad fate of innocent victims in the massacre at Ku Tien but if the blood of these martyrs shall make it possible for the Church of China to have a fair chance of life it will not be in vain.

I am fully convinced that nothing but the most violent measures on these fiends in human form called "Officials" will be of any avail. They have it in their power and they have the full determination in their hearts to render futile the work of the messengers of the Gospel.

In this they will be at least not hindered by Russia and perhaps other mercenary powers. But it must be God's will that China shall be converted. May he do what seemeth him best to these Pharisees, hypocrite! who exalt themselves & keep out the light of God's truth from these people now wallowing in rottenness.

We thank God for the peace and quietness in which we dwell; but we also realize that just now there seems to be an awkward pause in the drama and the people are looking on with a great interest to see what turn affairs will take. They are ready at least to <u>begin</u> the journey towards the light. They have had their backs to the light so long and it is so hard to cut loose from the past that unless some power from outside China interferes there is little prospect of change if looked at from a human standpoint. <u>God helps blind China!</u>

Hoping this will find you and yours in the enjoyment of health and happiness, I remain as ever with profound love and respect,

Yours faithfully

D. J. Atwood.

Sen Chow - Fin. Dept. 24-95

Rec'd Nov. 14-'95

Fen Cho fu Jan. 14th '96.

To Rev Judson Smith D.D,
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

I begin to realize that again some time has elapsed since I wrote you last and that though I have not much to report as accomplished yet I have been busily engaged. In Sep. and Oct. owing to the sickness of Dr. Hall and Mrs. Williams I was called to the other side of the plain three different times and as soon as I could be spared from there I made arrangements to allow my Med. Asst. to accept an invitation extended to us by the Governor General of Yü Lin Fu in northern Shensi to come to that place and establish an opium refuge. The invitation was brought about through the instrumentality of Huang Sü Yia an official who broke off opium with us last year and who was much interested in the Gospel message Recent events have seemed to show that our hopes that he was really changed by the power of the Gospel were well founded. It is commonly

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reported by the people of Yü Lin fu that he is a changed man - that he has not smoked opium since he left here and has lived a righteous life and set a good example to his fellow citizens. The Governor General of Yü Lin Fu is a man strenuously opposed to the opium habit. It is said that he even put shackles on his wife's wrists to break her of the habit. His son's newly wedded wife who was secretly addicted to the habit was at once sent home to her parents when it came to be known that she was an opium habitué. The young bride attempted suicide but was rescued by our Huang Sai Yea in whose house she found a temporary refuge. He hoped that we could be induced to come and open a refuge and that she would be cured of the habit and restored to her husband. The poor girl died ten days before the Asst. reached there or the next day after he started from here. The journey over the mountains occupies ten or eleven days. There is no cart road. Journeying is done on pack mules. On arriving at the city the Med. Asst. Mr. Li visited the principal officials of the city including the Gov. General and Tao Tai of the city, or mayor, in company with our Huang Sao Yea

After consultation it was decided that the refuge should be opened in the city examination hall, which is very large and spacious. On opening the refuge, 64 people were received to go through the treatment, most of them being either civil or military officers, four being the wives of officials. One of the number was Huang Tao Tai, the acting Mayor of the city. The Asst. treated him daily at his yamen, only a few steps away from the refuge. Another distinguished patient was a son of the Gov. General.

Many excellent opportunities were faithfully used to present the truths of the Gospel and in some cases the Truth was listened to with marked interest. The ~~Tao Tai, Huang~~ especially listened to the Truth with many expressions of interest. His real official post is in the capital of the province, Si an fu. He is located at Yü lin fu temporarily. He is soon to return to his post in Si an fu and he told the Asst. that when he did so he should send an invitation to us to come to that city and establish an opium refuge. Thus we have in prospect an "opium refuge extension" and indefinite possibilities of opportunity for doing good.

Quite a large number of religious books were disposed of to these officials and daily prayers were

preaching was regularly maintained even against some opposition at first from some. It has been quite an experience for the Asst and he has developed under it wonderfully. He returned covered with dust and glory bringing a "tablet" with the inscription on it in large gilt letters "Humility Saving Men" "To Mr. Li, of the Christian Church of Fen Cho fu, from the officers and citizens of Yü Lin fu". Then follows a list of between 40 and 50 names. The tablet was presented with a large firing of crackers, and a large number of officials mounted on horses, and in their official robes escorted him out of the city gates. Besides the number of opium habitues treated there were a large number of sick people treated and some minor surgical operations were performed that seemed very wonderful to the people in this far off corner of the Empire. The City is within 3 miles of the great wall and forms a customs barrier for the trade going into this part of Mongolia".

The latest news of the city even among the higher officers was the lying reports about Liu Yung fu the Black Flags general conquering the Japanese and pursuing them to their own country &c. and the latest gossip

was about Li Hung Chang's perfidy in marrying a Japanese princess and trying to involve the Empire in general ruin.

I was very glad to have the Doct return as he did a week ago yesterday just in time to relieve me in the work of the Opium refuge here so that I could attend the case of Mr. Strater's little child who was very sick. We are happy to feel that the child is out of danger and that she is to be spared to her parents yet for many years to come -

The refuge work in Fen Cho fu has grown all out of proportion to our accommodations and we have turned away larger numbers than we took in some of the time. The number successfully treated is more than double that of last year. and the number of dispensary treatments is just about double that of last year. Our medicines are running short I have sent out no orders for drugs this year because of prospect of appropriations cut down. What shall we do with this tide of work pouring in on us and nothing to stem it with? The woman's work and the regular hospital work is turned out of doors. What shall we do about it?

With best regards to Mrs Smith and profoundest esteem for yourself I remain Yours faithfully

S. J. Atwood

From Chifu, Jan. 14, 1896.

Rec'd March 16.

Fen Chu fu Mar 10th, 1896

Rev Judson Smith D. D.,
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

As usual I have allowed the crowd of work to postpone correspondence until I am forced to write. To put the most cheerful news first I want to say that we have been very much encouraged in our work this winter by much manifest interest among the patients in the hospital and opium refuge and our hearts have been cheered by the fact that so many have come forward and identified themselves with us, at least so far as to hand in their names for probation. About forty have thus come forward from the hospital. After the Chinese New Year a station class was formed for the teaching of these men and for two weeks they were present and were taught in Christian doctrine. In this work Mr. Atwater and the

Fen Chu fu, Jan. 14, 1896.

Rec'd Monch. Dec. 14 1896.
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Sam Clay Ala. 10th 1896

Mr Gustave Smith & Co.
Toledo Ohio.

Dear Sir

We received & have allowed the claim of Gustave Correspondence with a few days & write. Today the real claim. We now find & see that we have been very much in error in our last this month. We never measured anything only the patient in the hospital and found by the Chinese Doctor. Don't let the Chinese Doctor see the hospital. After the Chinese Doctor a doctor also proved for the treating of these men and for the whole the new present and now Tonight in Chinatown doctors. For this work the Attorneys and the

teacher of the boys school did excellent work and the men were well instructed in Christian doctrine. At the end of this station class on Mar. 1st four men were baptized. These four were from last years class of seven probationers. One of the seven has gone abroad on a mercantile expedition, one went back to opium and one became a fortune-teller. The hospital and refuge is rapidly filling up again since the N. G. and we shall soon feel our cramped condition for lack of quarters and medical supplies.

And now comes the less agreeable news that it seems likely that we are to loose our much esteemed colaborer Mr. C. W. Price and family, at least for a time from the field. Their son Stewart Price, eleven years old, is afflicted with Bright's Disease and the advice of all the physicians in the province is for them to take the boy home as the only hope of prolonging life. Drs. Hewitt and Wilson of Ping Yang fu each independently have diagnosticated Diabetes mellitus and all the symptoms seem to corroborate that sad conclusion.

The parents have decided to set out on the journey with the somewhat forlorn hope of prolonging

Stewart's life. It may be that they will not be able to reach the coast with him alive. In that case they propose to return at once here. They will thus be governed by circumstances and the outcome of their future movements can only be determined by time.

It is certainly a gloomy prospect that lies before them and they have need of all the sustaining comforts of the Gospel and of the prayers of Christian friends.

Our own loss at the absence of these friends pales into insignificance at the trouble that overshadows them; yet we shall feel the loneliness and lack of companionship occasioned by their going. We can only hope that it may be possible sometime for them to return.

We would both of us like to be remembered to Mrs. Smith. May the Divine blessing rest upon your household and upon all the work of the Board!

With profound love and respect

I remain

Yours faithfully J. J. Atwood

P.S. (over)

Dearest Lily. My mind is that you will
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here at our [illegible]. This will let you
know by [illegible] and the [illegible]
of their [illegible] mission can only be de-
termined by time.

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The [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] to this [illegible]. May the Divine [illegible]
[illegible] upon [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] all the
[illegible] of the [illegible]!

With [illegible] love and [illegible]

Your [illegible]

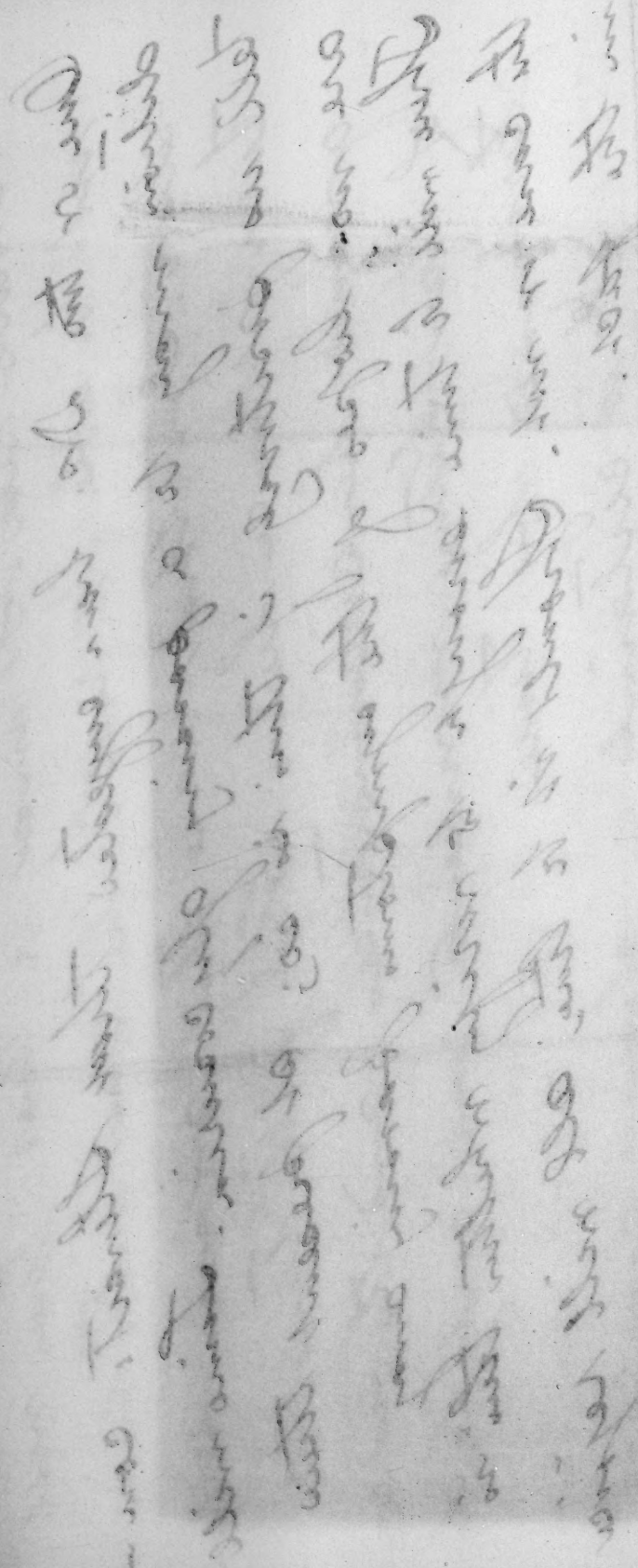
P.S. (over)

One or two Drs. have suggested that Stewart's condition may be a passing glycosuria. Time will tell us positively if this is so; at present there are no hopes of the symptoms passing away. There will be time enough to verify whether this is the case or not. Should it be true, all will rejoice in the fact.

E.J.A.

Fen-chu-fu, March 10, 1896

Recd May 1



大清光緒二十二年丙申歲

月分牌

一千九百八十六年西歷

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主禱文

我父在天願爾名聖爾國臨格爾旨得成在地如在天馬我儕所需之糧今日賜我免我儕諸負如我免負我者尤毋導我於誘惑乃拯我出於惡蓋國也權也榮也皆歸於爾爰及世世亞孟馬太福音六章九節至十六節

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聖教信經

我信其獨女馬難被從死將來聖靈之罪

養病院看病日期單

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看病之處

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聖教信經

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看病之處

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Fen Cho fu, May 4th '96

To Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec'y A. B. C. F. M.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

You have doubtless heard thro' others the report of our last annual meeting here beginning on Apr. 12th and I need only add my testimony to that of others that it was one of the best if not the best meeting in the history of the mission.

We are now trying to do a work among the women. The men were all turned out of the only court we have to answer as a hospital, and the women were given a chance. In a short time the rooms were all full either of those wishing to break off the opium habit or to be treated for other diseases. We are glad to do "woman's work" especially while there is no one else to do it. But it is a great pity to have to turn out the work

for men in order to accomplish it.
But then the small room we have for worship and preaching is already crowded every Sunday and so the most imperative need is for a Chapel for Sun. worship, and that will answer also for a waiting room for the patients who attend clinic. Last week on one day the number of dispensary patients reached the highest number we have yet had viz. 74.

The mission voted, as you will see, to renew the appeal for a grant of $500 to build this chapel with. This seems so modest a sum that we are moved to hope that it may be granted in spite of the present financial stringency of the Board. We also keep up our hope for the young ladies to do woman's work and the fulfillment of the promise to send us a medical missionary at Fen Cho fu, so that my hands may be free for touring and preaching. This is made more urgent now by the absence of Mr. Price from our station. May we not look for some help here soon?

Please remember us both kindly to Mrs Smith and believe me as ever with great love and respect

Yours faithfully D. J. Atwood

Fen Chogu, May 4. 1874.

Rec'd July 7.

Ans'd July 14.

Fen Chu fu June 1st 92

Per Judson Smith D.D.,
Secy A.B.C.F.M.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Your letter of Mar. 20th was rec'd by last courier. It speaks in generous words of commendation of the opium refuge work. One sentence of the letter I will repeat in order to bring my thoughts to your notice, "If this form of labour is really productive of changed character" &c.

Thus far this form of work has been almost the only form of work from wh. converts have been gathered here and when you consider that the percentage of the people in this province who are not victims of the opium habit is so small as to make them difficult to find you will at once see that it is not a matter of choice with us (except Hobson's)

We must do this part of the work or a-

Fen Chu fu, May 1st 1892

bandon the field and the latter, I take it the Board is not ready to do any more than the missionaries.

I am ashamed of repeating to you the urgent need of a woman's ward to the hospital here and a separate ward for a refuge; so I will not speak of those items again now but of a smaller matter.

Last year the free-will offerings from patients amounted to $140. Cold – including sales of a few trusses and some of the food-medicines such as Codliver oil &c.

The bulk of this was given with the stated object of helping to buy medicines to replenish the dispensary $32 of this sum was so expended here for native drugs and supplies. Our Treas. Mr. Davis stated that he had strict instructions from the acting treasurer at Boston that all such sums must be turned into the treasury of the Board, and accordingly I turned the balance of $108. in to the a/c of the Treas. of the Board through the mission accounts. I do not want to seem contrary but on the ground that I am not a <u>medical missionary</u>, and the fact that

the money was given definitely for a special local object and that the need is urgent I would like to ask that an exception be made in my case and that these offerings of the patients we be allowed to use for the purpose stated in addition to what the Prud. Com. has appropriated for that object. That appropriation last year was $ 250. But owing to deficiency of appropriations last year $ 65. has been charged back to my personal a/c. and I fear that a <u>larger</u> sum this year will be charged to my personal a/c the Bal. of which is already on the wrong side.

I would like to ask that this special privilege be granted until a <u>medical</u> missionary is appointed for this station; and I hope the time for that is not to be delayed many years longer.

Pardon me for intruding on your time with so small a matter.

As ever with profoundest esteem and affection

Yours faithfully

J. L. Atwood

From Chafee, June 1, 1896

Rec'd July 25 - 5+

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Fen Chu fu Sep 11th
'96.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Your encouraging letter of July 27th is just at hand. It gives me great relief to know that these free-will offerings can be available for the work here in Fen Chu fu and will help me out of debt to the Board by the next settlement. I am in hopes that these gifts will increase in the near future so as to make the medical work self-sustaining. We have rumours of gifts about to be made by some men of wealth to help erect additional buildings and to buy drugs & instruments for the hospital. The opium refuge is just opening in the school-compound which is vacated on account of Mr. Price' absence in America. This will leave the hospital rooms free for the use originally intended

Fen Chu fu, June 1, 1894

You say in your letter "I do not quite understand a statement you make later in your letter, namely"-- and turning over to the next page I find the last page of a letter to Rev. W. S. Ament of Peking!

This I take to be a mistake of a posting boy as the letter is directed in an unusual hand. I shall send this part of Mr. Aments letter to him by the first opportunity and shall hope to get the rest of my letter in exchange at the end of two months and can then make the required explanation which will reach you in two months more and I write this line to show that I do not carelessly neglect your question.

We are all well here and just entering on the fall's work with earnestness and expectation of the Lord's blessing.

With profound esteem and love
I remain Yours faithfully
D. J. Atwood

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Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

You have doubtless heard by cablegram of the further depletion of our numbers by the hand of death. The loss came with such suddenness that our hearts were struck dumb with sorrow. Mrs. Atwater had passed through the ordeal of confinement so well and was doing so nicely even to the end of the 6th day that we had laid aside any anxiety we had and all seemed so quiet and hopeful except for a slight hacking cough that appeared of little significance at the time until on the 7th day in the morning she suddenly developed a fever of 104° and in spite of our best efforts she passed quietly away at the end of 4 or 5 days. Dr. Hall was called from Li Man Chuang and rode the whole distance on horseback (60 miles) stopping only for a short time. He reached here a few hours before the end; but of course could do little good.

Fen Cho fu Sep. 11, 1896.

Mr. Atwater has been casting about in his mind to settle on the best plans for the future. It is a heavy calamity for him to bear; but he has been sustained wonderfully under it. The 4 little motherless girls must be provided for. It seems unwise to keep them in the miasm of heathenism merely for the sake of their staying here and he plans, with the consent of the Prud. Com. to take them to Am. in the Spring.

Mr. Atwater has made splendid progress not only in the Chinese language but also in the understanding of the people and the needs of the work. He and I are more in harmony in our ideas and plans of work than any one with whom I have yet been associated in the mission and I sh'd consider it a severe disaster to the work if he should not be able for any reason to return to the field where I believe his heart is and where he will be able to do a great work for the Master.

I write these few lines with no other end in view other than unburdening a part of the load that seems to rest heavily on us at present.

I remain with ever increasing love and respect

Yours faithfully S. J. Atwood

Ten-Chow-fu, Dec. 8-1896

Recd Febr. 20-1897

Fen Chow fu Jan. 21st, '97

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston Mass.,

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your kind letter of Oct. 27th came duly and was read with great pleasure. It gives us great pleasure to feel that the time of depression at the rooms as well as in our country is passing by and and that brighter times are coming.

Referring to your letter of July 27th I can now say that I have it complete and that Mr. Ament rejoices in his restored to entirely! The $65. that you asked about in my case was the amount I put into the medical work over the reduced appropriation. It was carried on my personal A/c until the next settlement and then returned in that settlement.

The passing of Jan. 1st this year left me with the number of patients seen in the dispensary 3766, and the number of those who reformed from the opium habit just exactly 100, with about 70 non-patients. For the last two months we have been holding daily evening meetings

of Gospel song and preaching for the opium patients and hospital patients. Our room is not a large one but it has been full nearly all the time of earnest and attentive listeners. Mr. Atwater conducts the daily morning prayers in the opium refuge while I have the hospital patients in the morning with the servants and such outsiders and Church members as happen to be in. We hope that by next year we may have our Chapel so as to be able to accommodate a larger number.

We are glad to see that Mr. Atwater is so sustained and comforted by the grace of the Lord. It is an extra source of strength to us all. He is planning to take his two oldest daughters to the coast to see them off with the Davies and Miss. Bird for Am. when he purposes returning to the field to remain. I hope it may prove best for it to be so. Mrs. Atwood will find the taking in of the two little ones quite a burden but will be glad to do it for the sake of the work.

We are in ordinary health at this station and are looking forward with bright prospects day by day for the work.
I hope it may not be hoping too much to look for the coming of one or two women to be help us in the women's work which seems to now destined to suffer for lack of workers. My wife is the only foreign woman now in this station, and with her family suddenly doubled will find little time for work outside and she will suffer for lack of companionship.

The news from the Prices does not seem to be reassuring as regards an early return to China judging from their last letters. Their son who was sent home as "practically cured" has been sent, it seems, almost immediately to another sanitarium. May the Lord guide them in the right way!

I trust the winter finds you in good health as well as all your household.

Wishing to be remembered to Mrs. Smith I remain as ever

Yours with great love and respect

E. J. C. Atwood.

Fen - Chon - Fu, Jan. 21 - 1897

Rec'd Mch. 27

Fen Chu fu, Mar. 25th '97

Rev Judson Smith D. D.
Boston Mass. -

Dear Dr. Smith: -

I think Mr. Atwater wrote you about the result of our station-class during the Chinese holiday and the hopeful aspect of affairs in this station. The spirit of earnest purpose among our Church-members and enquirers has since been well sustained. They have shown commendable zeal in bringing relatives and friends into the refuge and hospital for treatment and some of the Church-members have asked us to reopen the boys' school offering to pay all the cost of board instead of half as formerly. and expressing a willingness to have their children read only Christian books and study the foreign sciences. This plan was adopted and the school is now a fact - having passed the 1st

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month of its existence and the school has made better progress than ever before in its history. The Sunday School has developed rapidly during the past few months and we have many tokens of actual life springing up in the Church that need guidance where before there was only stagnation that could not be guided. These signs fill our hearts with hope as the breezes thrill those long becalmed at sea, and we are grateful to the Author of all good for the signs of his presence among us."

We are grateful for the tidings that come over the ocean of the early return of the Price provided they do not bring too great a burden with them. We can hardly believe a cure possible in the case of their son Stewart and we can hardly believe they would undertake so desperate a task as bringing him back to China in his condition. It certainly can not be possible that the wiser counsels at the rooms would permit such an undertaking. As much as we desire their help and society we know too well what a strain such a burden is in a heathen country with such surroundings as are ours. It may seem harsh to you who are so far from us and can not realize our condition for us to say that

that their coming under such conditions would not add to the strength of our working force but rather subtract from it. All this may be gratuitous (and I hope it will turn out to be so) but I felt I owe it to you and to ourselves to speak of it in time for fear it may be so. Pardon my groundless fears if they be so.

Mr. Atwater had decided to remain on the field before the telegram came. Dr Hall has kindly offered to care for the two older girls while my wife has taken in the two younger nestlings to care for and so for the present there seems to be a way out of difficulties. By raising the roof of our dining room we can furnish a suite of chamber rooms for him so that he can board with us. A sum of one or two hundred dollars would furnish the extra rooms in this way and would be a permanent improvement very useful when we can look for single ladies to do woman's work which still sadly needs to be done and is waiting for the one or two to do it. We hope it may not be beyond the bound of possibility to expect them before long.

The matter of Chapel for our pressing need is still in a state of waiting. They have of-

fered us the piece of land and ruined car-buildings directly in front of the hospital and on the main street which is just what we need for a situation for Chapel and would furnish beside a woman's court for $350. This would leave too small a sum for the building of the Chapel and we are hoping and waiting that the owners will reduce their demands to something near a fair price which would be about one half the sum above named. Still the chances seem against us since the Chinese know of our need and expect to profit by it. I am in hopes that presents from personal friends and from Chinese will come in soon for the woman's court so that we can take the entire plot and still have our appropriation for Chapel large enough to give us a building large enough for many years to come. Money in small amounts from patients in the hospital are coming in from day to day in a manner that gives us hope of helping the running expenses materially. The number of dispensary patients is increasing again and has nearly reached our highest daily number.

Hoping that this will find you in health and prosperity I would remain as ever

Yours in greater love and esteem

J. J. Atwood.

Fen-Chow-fu, Mch. 25-97

Rec'd May 17

Fen Cho fu, May 19th '97

Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

I ought to acknowledge your letters of Feb. 25th and one of Mar 3rd and to give you the present status of this station. Our present number is not large we being the only foreign family in the station at present Mr. Atwater has gone to the coast for a short visit. He will get great benefit to himself there as well as learn much from the study of the methods and work of other missions that will be of great use to him and to the mission. So that we feel that we are making progress tho' we do not just now make such a show in numbers. The only room we have for worship is still crowded on Sun. with those in the hospital and opium refuge and the boys' school in fact it is full nearly every day or has been up to this

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time leaving no room to invite in outside people and neighbours. I am working away at the problem of getting the site for Chapel. I had offered 250 taels for the whole plot or $70. It is owned by several parties and they combined to keep up the price. We have just secured about 1/4 of the plot by dealing with one man singly. The leader said that this man would not take less than 80.000 cash for his part or about $40 we finaly succeeded in getting it for 15.000 cash about $5. The rest are silent but I hope we have succeeded in breaking the combination and may get the whole plot before many months. It will be a fine site and convenient both to the hospital & boys school and by getting timbers & material at our leisure now we shall be able to get them much cheaper & so get a larger building than we otherwise would. I long for the time when we shall have a room adequate to our needs.

The Atwater babies and our own are doing well We are glad to know that the plans for the future are all in accordance with your wishes as to rooms

With profound love and respect
Yours faithfully
J. J. Atwood.

Ten-Chow-fu, May 19-97

Recd July 22

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Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston Mass.

Your esteemed favor of Apr. 2nd came by last mail also two letters to our Rec'g Mr. Atwater in which you make the suggestion in regard to salaries for next year, also the letter to Mr. Williams in which you report the minute of the Prud. Com. in regard to furloughs. In appearance our mission would seem the worse transgressor of all with one half its numbers on furlough; but with so small a number in all it must necessarily be true at some time that a large per cent be absent ~~at some time~~ if we are to have any rest at all. Moreover ours is a hard field with surroundings and circumstances that

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make unusually severe drafts upon the nervous energies of the missionaries. The personel of the mission moreover has not been such as to favor long terms. Mr. Davis, as you know, suffered an attack of insanity a few years ago which I hoped was only functional and of merely temporary significance. The nervous strain on the mission and especially Mrs. Davis at the time and since made it seem imperative that he should seek a rest as soon as possible. We have just heard with sorrow of the seclusion of his father in an asylum for the insane and this has given greater importance to our brother's condition. It would seem to demand the most careful investigation of the more serious question whether he is fitted even to undertake work again in a mission with such a trying temperature and surroundings as exist here.

The case of the Price family I think is
now beyond question. It was wise that
they went home when they did not only
for their son's sake but for her sake with her
tendency to melancholia and history of two
suicides of aunts on one side of the family and
one on the other it was not safe from any
point of view for them to remain on the field
awaiting Stewart's death. I am glad to see
by their letters that both Mr. & Mrs. Price have been greatly
refreshed in spite of their sorrow and look
with joy to the prospect of soon joining
the mission and helping once more in the work
May the Lord bless them richly in their work
and lives. We shall welcome them with much
joy to their wonted place and work.

In regard to the reduction of our person-
al salaries to a still lower figure next
year it is only fair to the Board and to
the work to say that it can not be done.
We have tried this year to get along without
any foreign supplies in our family — have
utilized Chinese cereals & food supplies to
the detriment of the health of our children

and our selves have dressed in cotton cloth and economised in every possible way - reasonable with health and we still remain in debt to the Board. I have put some money into the work it is true to try to keep it from going back into the ground and have been warned by the Treasurer of approaching personal bankrupcy. We have scrimped and saved the past year at the expense of health and decency to get straight with the Board and keep our son in school; but it is perfectly clear to us and must, in frankness be said that a further reduction of our salary must result in our seeking some other means of support. This of course is in no way a complaint against anybody We understand perfectly that the Board and all connected with the Rooms have done their utmost to give their missionaries a comfortable support but a further reduction of 15 per cent will not afford a decent support.
Pardon me for trespassing so much on

your valuable time -

With kindest remembrances to Mrs. Smith and genuine regards to yourself believe me

Yours faithfully

S. J. Atwood

Elo Pa June 30th, 1897

Dear Mr. Smith

Last Saturday a kind of picnic day with us here marking the close of the boys school for the summer. A large car conveyed the whole school & our summer recess in the ruined grist mill by the little mountain stream. Mr. Atwater arrived the day before so was on hand to review them in the term work. The boys gave a good account of themselves showing a good amount of work well done and a decided advance over former methods and conditions. It might be put in the form of comparative diagram as follows:-

Former School	Present School
1. ½ board p'd by the mission	1. Students pays all their own board
2. At cost of 200 dollars to Board.	2. At reduced cost to themselves
3. Scholars continually sick at cost of much care & anxiety & teachers attending physician	3. Scarcely a case of sickness during the term.
4. A debt at the end of term from dues for the scholars ½ of board and very hard to collect	4. Nothing due at end of term and money paid promptly teachers had no care.

Elo Pa June 30th, 1897

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Rec'd July 27.

Fen Chu for June 30th, 1897

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Last Sabbath was a kind of red-letter day with us here marking the close of the boys' school for the summer. A large cart conveyed the whole school to our summer resort in the ruined grist-mill by the little mountain stream. Mr. Atwater arrived the day before so was on hand to review them in the term's work. The boys gave a good account of themselves showing a good amount of work well done and a decided advance over former methods and conditions. It might be put in the form of comparative diagnosis as follows:-

Former School	Present School
1. ½ board p'd by the mission	1. Students paid all their own board
2. At cost of 200 tiao to Board.	2. At reduced cost to themselves
3. Scholars continually sick at cost of much care + anxiety to teacher + attending physician	3. Scarcely a case of sickness during term.
4. A debt at the end of term from dues for the scholar's ½ of board and very hard to collect	4. Nothing due at end of term all paid promptly, teacher had no care.

Fen Chow fu, June 14, 1897.

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Our Charge for the School Year

Power School

1. Morning Prayer
2. Order & Discipline
3. Schools continually under the Teacher's watching
4. Debt of the school from time for the School of Learn and very hard to collect

Present School

1. Morning Prayer and Discipline
2. Order & Discipline
3. Teacher a case of each case during term.
4. Nothing due at end of term all paid from the Teacher has no case.

5. Growing dependence on others	5. Manly self-respect shown in better work.
6. Confucian Classics taught with Christian books + western science.	6. Western science + Christian books alone taught
7. Scholars brought in indiscriminately + of all sorts and conditions	7. Only children of Christian parents or guardians admitted.

These are some of the more prominent symptoms showing a change in the condition of the case and we are hopeful not only that the improvement may be permanent but that still greater advance may be made next year. Individuals are being added to our lists of probationers from time to time - 3 were added yesterday from a village in the mountains. With the coming of Mr. Price in the fall we shall feel great encouragement and hope for the out-look.

We greatly rejoice in the fact that Mr. Thompson is not going to desert us. The difficulty was not a personal one but results from a different point of view as to method of work. Mr. T. believes in the foreigner evangelizing personally all the villages in his field; but most older missionaries are convinced that the work must be done mainly through the natives taught at some centre by the foreigner. From the latter standpoint Jam Tsun is too near to Tai Ku station for the most economical use of our forces. I believe that he will see it in-

the near future as the majority now do and all will see eye to eye & heart to heart

The mission is practically unanimous in regard to moving the work at Tai Ku outside the city. Minor differences as to site best be settled by visiting on the site near the city. Building may cost more than at Li Man but the majority seem convinced that near the city is preferable. I am not myself of that opinion but think that conclusion is far better than none at all.

Hoping that this may find you in health and wishing to be remembered to Mrs. Smith I remain

with great love and respect

Yours faithfully

E. J. Atwood

Fan Cho Fu, June 30, 1897
Recd Aug. 16

Fen Cho fu, Aug. 10th '97

Rev Judson Smith D. D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear friend:-

The Lord has put a new song in our hearts and joy in our work and I take the first opportunity of acquainting you with the reason.

The fortress of ruins, rubbish and filth in front of the hospital and between us and the street, has fallen into our hands and said filth and ruins have been cleared out, removing a long-standing eye-sore. Now the workmen are in the trenches and by tonight the foundations will begin to be laid for the chapel for which we have waited so long and been in such sore need.

One end will join on to the womans waiting room and thus its accommodation will be added to, increasing its seating capacity to 200 perhaps. The east end, nearest the street will contain an arch 22×25 feet filled with a temporary wall that can be removed in the future when the work requires the enlargement and the funds permit.

If no untoward event occurs we shall expect by the middle of Oct. to see it completed and ready for the winter's work. The Prices had expressed their wish as to the site of the Chapel so we did not need to wait to consult with them before building

copy Last night a train of mules arrived from the mountains about midnight each with two logs of pine roped firmly to their packs. They came 2½ miles yesterday nearly all the way down the rocky winding mountain trail where sometimes the length of the log interferes with the passing the narrow and sharp turns in the zigzag path. Pine timber is scarce in this region. These timbers come from a region where we have a number of Church members. In fact it is a Church member who has succeeded in buying these for us and they are all as straight as new pins and cost us only about ¼ as much as we would have to pay at the lumber yards. Thus we are feeling glad because we believe that love to the Lord and honour are going into the building.

We have been cheered much by some sums of money (not large it is true) that have been voted to the hospital & woman's work. In this Pro.

Stone has been the leading part. I have been able to track him about the country by the gifts that have come from the places where he has been. This is very noble of him and I have told him so. The Ponds have also encouraged us greatly by their kind words and deeds. Would that such people were sown broadcast in America!

Yesterday morning I came into the city at daylight to superintend the laying of the trenches for the foundations and found a man waiting at the dispensary to have his dislocated jaw replaced. I slipped it back and it began at once wagging out its tale of woe like all the rest. I have been enjoying a few weeks of rest in the mountains from this continuous plaint of woe with wailing in their voices, and never enjoyed it so much before. I wonder if you ever had the feeling — almost temptation — or almost a reluctance to putting a man's jaw back when you knew it would instantly resume its everlasting wagging:

Perhaps you will not expect to hear from me about the action of the mission in regard to Rum Sam; but as I was not present at An. meeting I may, perhaps, be allowed a word here. The action (or refusal to act as in fact it was) was very nat-

wral. There seems now to have been quite a general lack of frankness and a resulting misunderstanding between Mr. Thompson and the members of the Tai Ku station. It isn't necessary for me to go into the history of the case; but the present status of the case is that all of the mission now on the field see clearly that Jen Tsun is too close to Tai Ku to establish a full station. Indeed no one ever dreamed of its becoming such until Mr. Davis, somewhat unceremoniously moved his family there and began operations looking towards making it a full station of the mission and practically ignoring the opinions of all the rest of the mission.

The mission have all tried faithfully to throw the cloak of brotherly kindness about his lack of courtesy; but the friction at times was hard to bear and the brethren at Tai Ku deserve great praise for their forbearance. Mr. Davis, at An. meeting introduced a resolution asking for several thousand dollars to build homes at Jen Tsun. This was decidedly a new move and unwise in the opinion of all his brethren on the field. This is shown in the fact that no one seconded the motion.

That Mr. Davis used hard language towards his associates and accused them of scheming against him personally &c. is accounted for only on the theory that he is not fully responsible for his actions. I have written you my view of this in a late letter. It is doubtless due to his representations that Mr. T. and Mr. Price feel so strongly. Mr. Thompson writes of it as shutting up his own house and slamming his own door in his face. Mrs. T. also writes very bitterly.

What did the mission do? Really nothing; for the Thompsons are just as free to return to their house and live there (in friction with Tai (Ku) as they ever were. I think that in time and with a little more frankness, and eliminating abnormal conditions, all will see "eye to eye and heart to heart." Intimations of discourtesy and threats of not returning to the mission will only add oil to the fire. Now I think you will thank my pen to stop wagging.

Believe me with never ceasing love
and regard
Yours faithfully
E. J. Atwood

Fen Cho - fu Aug. 10 - 97

Rec'd Sept. 28

Fen Chu fu, Feb 8th, '98.

Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

"It is with deep joy and satisfaction that I am able to write that the song of joy of the summer time is turned into a song of praise to the Lord of the harvest for the things he has done for us. The closing months of fall found us with our home Chapel completed and by Chinese st.Y. the tile floor was dry enough to use and we were actually seated in it during our cultation class meetings. The daily evening meetings in the waiting-room of the dispensary led up to these larger meetings in the Chapel where the probationers and baptized had been invited for a two weeks study of the Truth. The evangelist from Tai Ku — Mr. Liu was with us and preached "in the demonstration of the Spirit and with power". Morning and evening services were held daily and the classes in

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the study of the truth occupies the available time between. Faithful work was done in these classes, the interest increasing to the end. Most of the funds for the expense of board has been subscribed beforehand by the converts so that we were relieved of the financial burden of the work.

Sun. Feb. 6th might well be called a "red letter day in the history of this station when our new Chapel with its annex of Disp'y and waiting-room for the women was packed nearly full with interested listners and at the close of the service twelve men, heads of families, received the rite of baptism, and in the afternoon the celebration of the Lord's supper was observed when between 30 and 40 baptized male members partook of the communion. It was an inspiring sight and filled us with great hope for the future.

Quite a number were advised to wait a few months longer testing before receiving the rite of baptism and in all probability there will be as many more in the fall prepared to receive baptism. We are now planning for Church orgination at the time of Ann. meeting of the mission here in Apr.

"Several incidents during the meetings attested the power of the Spirit's presence and subsequent results we feel are sure to follow in many cases. One young man of some prominence in the city brought his household gods and ancestral tablets and burned them before the congregation in the chapel store. At a later meeting Mr. Han, a sorcerer, brought his stock in trade of sign books, charts and all the paraphernalia of the black art — a great pile tied up in a square cloth — and also burned them before the congregation after making a confession of his sin and taking a manly stand for the Lord Jesus. ~~Although~~ the hope of his gains from this source is gone he plans to open a small store of his own and will try, by the help of God to live an honest life. Such signs as these give us great courage to take hope and go forward; for it is evident that "His arm is not shortened that he cannot save."

With kindest regards to Mrs. Smith

I remain Yours with profound regard

J. J. Atwood.

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Fen Chu fu, Mar. 1st '98

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Tientsin, China

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Your letter telling us of the planned visit to Shansi just reached us tonight and gave us a thrill of pleasure at first and then a settled feeling of disappointment since we know that if you have only the month of June to visit Shansi in we cannot hope to see you. Our couriers make the round trip in a month but even they would find little time to stop to visit or rest. The journey is toilsome enough at best, but to take it both ways without a few weeks rest between would tax the strength of the strongest. In June the work of the year is practically over and we shall be at the summer place of rest where we should be most glad to entertain you until the rainy season is passed; but you would see little of

our work. It would be a great pleasure to show you our own field herein.

If it could seem possible to you to spend the summer at the sea-side at Pei tai hê or at the western hills with our missionaries and then come up to Shansi in the fall you could expect to see something of the work and not be overcome with fatigue.

The brethren at the coast will corroborate and explain these facts. I hope they will not magnify them to the extent of spoiling any possible prospect of your coming.

All in this station are at this present writing in usual health and the work here is just now especially encouraging.

Will write again by next course.

Yours with great love and respect.

S. J. Atwood.

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Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Sec't. A.B.C.F.M.

All hail! I will not disguise the pleasure it gives me to address you on China's soil and actually viewing the people and land in hopes and prayers.

I write now to say that the Shansi Mission has appointed me to escort to you upon your journey from Pao-ting-fu inland and to offer my services.

You will doubtless receive this letter before May 1st and if within a week you could send me a telegram "Brewer" Ping Yao" i.e. "Atwood Pao Ting Fu, C/o Brewer" I should receive it within a day and would start at once for Pao Ting fu, and arrive there within 10 da. on horse-back. From there we could come in litter ascending the mountain

gradually and easily in the pleasantest month of the year in China and the exhilerating air of the Shansi mountains would be a tonic after the stale air of the plains. The friends at Pao fu will provide us with necessary litters and comforts or help us to procure them and we shall want nothing to make us comfortable.

The return journey, if prolonged late into July may not be free from heavy rains but for the last 3 years there have been delays until nearly August.

The mission will, of course be greatly disappointed if you should fail of visiting us and our field.

The annual meeting has just closed with increased feeling of harmony among the members

enlarged hope for the future.

On Lord's day last (Apr. 10th) was organized the Congregational Ch. of Fen Cho fu, when 30 members entered into covenant and 30 probationers were present. Our new Chapel was well filled and the event gives all new inspiration and hope to press onward.

There is a strong desire on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Price to begin new work beyond Ching Yuen and we have been troubling with the question how to open the new station without recruits or money — an impossible problem! There are some questions of this kind that must imperatively demand your presence here with ~~an advisory~~ reference like Dr. Porter or Dr. Goodrich to refer of wide experience and safe judgement. In my humble opinion a crisis now exists here on the outcome of which may depend the fate of the mission.

I write in some haste so as to overtake our courier who has already gone on a days journey before the other one arrives.

I trust you are all well in the deputation and especially that you yourself are not already fatigued from journeying

Yours faithfully

J. J. Atwood.

Fen Cho Fu, June 20th '98.

Rev. Judson Smith D. D.,
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith. —

I am glad to be able to write you from home once more. We reached Ien Tsin on the 10th where I spent Sun. The courier passed us there and I think Mr. W. sent you a line by him telling you of our safe arrival. Left there Mo. morning at daylight and Tu. morning I sat down to breakfast with my family at the old mill by the mountain brook. It will be a few days yet before another courier starts.

I have been in the city but 3 days; but have had the usual number of "emergency" cases. First there came a man with his hand blown to pieces by the bursting of a gun. He was literally fighting against Heaven; for he was firing off his gun to scare Heaven out of sending down hail-stones that were

injuring his opium crop. The spring has been cold and backward and the poppy has not flourished as well as usual tho' it is now putting on mourning i.e. putting out its white petals - and white is the badge of mourning here. In a few days the will be cutting the crowned capsules and wiping off the milky drops. The capsules are the same shape exactly as the "buttons" that literary graduates wear on their hats to denote their degree. The Chinese call it "cutting the button" (Kê ting dz) and although the smoking of the drug does cut off their aspirations for scholarship (and in fact all other aspirations) this does not in the least deter them ~~either~~ from the smoking or raising it.

A man died in the hospital yesterday who had cut his throat because of the failure of his wedding arrangements. Do not suppose that it was from disappointed love. It was the money he had paid the middle-men and lost by the breaking up of the match that made him take revenge for now the middle-men

will be "brought to book" and desperate justice (?) will descend on their heads.

On our way back the helper whom you saw at Tung Chu (by the way he measures 6 ft. 2 in.) preached at Huai Lou on the account of the legion of devils. He laid down the proposition that all who are not in Christ are possessed of devils. He seemed to have reason on his side and had everything his own way as he spoke of foot-binding, infanticide, opium smoking, idol worship, gambling and the like and showed them clearly how they are bound in Satan's chains and the way of deliverance in Jesus. At least one woman declared her decision to unbind her feet at once. "The whole world lieth in the wicked one" It is hardly worth while to prove single cases of demon possession, as our (Hsian?) friends seem so anxious of doing just now. "The whole world" of heathen China lies bound in his chains. How long Oh Lord! How long!

I was thankful to find all well here in this station and ~~too~~ good an outlook. Mrs. Price seems much

more cheerfull and happy being occupied in building their bed-rooms and the general transformation of their Chinese house. I will make their home much more healthful and cheerful and this will be a great gain to the station.

The work of the station seems prospering and real spiritual life has begun in the lives of many of the church members. We are filled with gratitude and hopefullness at the tokens of His presence whose arm is not shortened that he can not save even the brands pulled from the burning.

I sincerely hope you reached home in safety and health and found the home and friends in peace and safety.

With kindest regards to yourself & Mrs. Smith from both of us.

Yours with profound love and respect

E. J. Abbott.

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Fen Cho fu, July 13th, 98

Reid Sept. 14

My dear Dr. Smith: –

Your kind favor of June 8th written from Shanghai relating to Mr. Davise's case principally came in by our last courier a day after the out-going courier had left. I am, therefore delayed from answering it for two weeks on that account.

I think there will appear no serious discrepancy between my letter of Oct. 24th 1893 and the later one in which I speak of changing my diagnosis on account of having just heard that Mr. Davise's father had been placed in an asylum for the insane. That news was the first I had of there being any history of insanity in

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his family.

My diagnosis at the time was that his insanity was functional and not organic and the prognosis was made as hopeful as the truth would admit of and was exactly contrary to the opinion of the other 3 members of the station (Mr. & Mrs. Price and my wife) I had strong hopes then that my diagnosis would prove to be correct in time. There was gradual and steady improvement for the year following with, however, some lapses into previous unfavorable symptoms; and it has been reported to me that Mr. Davis has said to others at Tai Ku that he never was insane at all and that considered that he had been abused by me at Fen Cho fu - that I had taken advantage of him during his

weakness and sickness in using force to restrain him.

I would have given all of worldly goods I own for half an hours advice of an experienced physician at that terrible time and I don pro-fess to understand the case fully now; but there are one or two things that stand out very clearly and indistinctly to my mind viz. he was either insane or not. If not then he is a grossly immoral man and has no right to be a missionary If he was, (which I believe) then a little delay in his returning would be no disadvantage to him or his family and certainly not to the mission.

At the last An. meeting that he attended he accused the whole mission of being in a conspiracy to run him out of the mission "simply because they declined to vote for a

grant of several thousand dollars to build houses in Jen Tsun. The mission has gradually come to the conviction that Jen Tsun is not the place for the third station and I think the conviction is a permanent one since a majority of the mission have reached it independently. No two had conferred together at any length concerning it and the charge of collusion among his associates had no ground either in fact or appearance.

The same mail that brought your letter also brought word through Mr. Thompson that your word asking that the Dawes arrive your return had reached them and was a severe blow to them; and they will consider it proof positive of the plan in the mission to drive them out. Personally I sympathize with them sincerely and deeply in this trial but I can not help feeling that Mrs D. and Mr. D. also can endure this trial

more easily at home with friends and competent help around them than they could a repetition of the awful times we passed through in '93. It is not pleasant to have the motives of friendship misunderstood and treated as ill-will; but that is of little consequence as compared with the calamity I have spoken of.

Mr. Atwater and his bride are expected here in a few days from Sai Yuen Fu and his will be a united home once more after being broken up for nearly two years. My wife will find it a great relief to return the 4 children. (Mary and Carnestine have been in Dr. Hall's family most of the time.) The care of them, especially the little ones, has been a joy to her on account of the work but no less a very great burden. I think she has aged faster in the last year than in any other two or three. I think our vacation cannot come any too soon for her sake.

I was glad to hear of your safe arrival at Shanghai and shall think of you now as having arrived safely at home and being surrounded with the dear loved ones.

The most present thought with me now is:— How *good* is life! How great the joy of living in such times as these when the very air is alive with the anticipation of impending changes, even in China and in Cuba, in Spain and the islands of the sea! "His plans are ripening fast, unfolding every hour" It strikes me that the ripe and beautiful fruitage may be our to behold in the near future to a large extent.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Smith and yourself from both of us

Yours as ever with great love and re

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Fen Chu Fu, July 16th '98

Recd Sept. 14

Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.,
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith: –

In a conversation with Mr. Price yesterday he expressed it as his opinion that Mr. Stimson's heart was still in Shansi and that my position in regard to him was the only thing that prevents his reappointment. He says there was nothing in the way at the Rooms to prevent his reappointment – that he was told so by yourself and he thinks the rest of the mission wish for his return.

Now as to my present position I wish to say I have no personal ill-will against him; but I have

supposed that he was per-
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would not think of the foreign
field. If such is not the case and
the Prud. Com think it best to
appoint him I think I could
welcome him heartily to the field
and that the experience that has
been added to both our lives would
make the prospect for a modus vivendi
more hopeful than it was in
years gone by the memory of which
I do not wish to recall.

I make this statement voluntarily
under no compulsion or constraint
simply in the interests of good-will
and a desire for the highest welfare
of all concerned.

Yours faithfully

C. J. Atwood.

Fen Cho fu Oct. 24th '98

Rev Judson Smith, D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

Your last letter speaking of your visit with Mr. and Mrs. Davis at Cleveland came by last mail. I am glad that you could meet Mrs. Davis. Your high opinion of her agrees with that of every member on the field. She is a brave woman indeed to be willing to assume all the risks she must in returning to this field. I did not know that the Prud. Com. looked upon such matters in that light.

I am only too glad to drop any responsibility that I immagined I had in the case. I have no doubt about the complete Christian love and desire for fellowship of every member of the mission.

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eight miles to the S.W. (Chao tsun) The former teacher of the boys school lives here. He invited us to perform the Christian wedding rites for his nephew. This man Mr. Lou (Road) is evidently a genuine convert to Christianity and was converted under the preaching of Mr Liu (the man of 6 ft 2 in) Mr. Lou invited all the foreign missionaries to his nephew's wedding as well as all the Chinese Christians Sat. evening more than a hundred of his neighbors assembled in the court under an awning to see the Christian ceremony. While we were waiting for the bride to arrive this man made a ~~a~~ splendid address and called both natives & foreigners to witness that as for him and his house henceforth they would serve the Lord.

The next day (Sunday) witnessed a Gospel meeting of about 5 hours duration at which, after the missionaries' address there were remarks from 3 other Chinese lay workers besides another address by Mr. Lou.

This is the third Christian wedding we have been called to attend this fall and already the custom seems to have been former of having a Gospel meeting following on the wedding. At the first wedding Mr. Han spoke with great acceptance to the village people. This Mr. Han was formerly

a fortune teller and has been on probation five years or more and was lately baptized at our mid-autumn conference. The Holy Spirit seems to have set his seal upon this man who gives promise of becoming a real Christian orator. He has gone to Liu Lin Chen to take charge of the opium refuge there. The Spirit seems to be working in the lives of some of these men. Mr. Wang - a man of property and eminence in his own village - the deacon of our new Church - also spoke with fluency and acceptance on this and on other occasions. For all these glorious signs we thank God and take courage. May his kingdom come speedily!

The friends at Tai Ku will no doubt inform you of their probable loss of Dr. Hall. I think you will understand fully the need of the mission for some one to take his place at once.

With sincere regard and love

Yours faithfully

C. J. Atwood.

From Chôfu, Oct. 24, 1898

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Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:—

I have just returned from a ten days' trip to the country west of us visiting two opium refuges— one at Yang Chuan, distant from Fen Cho fu 40 li and one at Lin Lin Chên distant 230 li from here and within 40 li of the yellow river. At Yang Chuan there are a few enquirers and one Ch. member who is our deacon and a zealous and earnest worker. The enquirers and friends were gathered together and a meeting held on the evening of our arrival and a very pleasant evening we had of it. Mr. Lou is the keeper of the refuge with the assistance of Mr Chang, both Christians. The fall harvest is not yet all in and the people are still busy in the fields so that they have not received any patients; though quite a number have promised to come in.

The second night we spent at the ancient Hien city of Ning Hsiang Hsien. This is a city of some literary renown but of small size - having only about 1000 families within the walls. We should have an opium refuge established here as soon as we can secure a competent helper. They told us at the inn that the only foreigner that ever passed through the place before our arrival went through ten years ago. The people all seemed very poor and the buildings unpretentious. The victims of the opium habit were very numerous and all seemed to be anxious to leave off the use of the drug.

Ninety li farther, the next day brought us to Lin Lin Chen where we have a refuge established. Mr. Han the former sorcerer who burned his stock in trade in the Chapel fire last New Year has charge of this with the help of Mr. Yao also a Christian.

Here also the busy season was not yet over and none have come in yet to reform; but we had the pleasure of meeting several

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enquirers and some who are hoping in the truth. Ten or fifteen of the former patients met with us for worship morning and evening for four days. On Sunday we had a small audience of 25 men; but nearly all the place would hold.

Mr. Han has evidently done faithful work for nearly all who attends seemed to have a pretty good understanding of the truth and gave intelligent attention to the unfolding of the Word. On Sun. two men were received on probation and one other was advised to wait for the present.

This is a peculiar region even for peculiar China. Superstition and worship of evil spirits gambling, adultery, and opium smoking seems worse than in any region I have seen in the province. If a man possesses too tiao he forthwith opens a grocery shop issues a thousand bills and begins a gambling hell with opium and all the rest attached. Is any one sick, they resort to the opium pipe or call in a "Spiritman" He begins to dance and rave and cut his

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neck and arms until the blood runs down. Then the people beg him to desist but he tells them that the sick man's soul is lost. It can be recovered, but not for nothing. He will have to give them a lamb. This is given and the beating of the drum goes on incessantly - for a day or two when the "Spirit man" says "It's of no use! You'll have to make it a grown sheep!" So this goes on until the patient improves or dies, but in either case the "Spirit man" eats the sheep. In whatever direction we went for a walk the "Tum, tum, tum" of these drums were almost always due to be heard. It reminds one strongly of witch-craft in Africa. Surely this people need the Gospel if ever any people did! It is with weary heart that we hear on our return of the restoring to power the system that fans and nourishes such superstition and sin. "How long, Oh Lord! How long?"

I hope this will find you still in robust health and joy in the work.

With sincere regard and Christian love

Yours faithfully J. Moor.

Fen Cho Fu, Dec. 30th '98

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

I have just returned from my second tour to Liu Lin Chen and will write just a few words in regard to it. I have never enjoyed a tour more during my life in China At the Yang Chuan opium refuge 40 li (13⅓ mi) there was a room full of men to listen to the Gospel and a more attentive audience I have seldom seen. We reached Ning Hsiang Hsien the next day just at dusk. This Hsien city is somewhat dilapidated in appearance and contains only about a thousand families. It would seem that an outstation should be begun here soon. It is 30 miles from Yang Chuan Being very tired we went to bed early and were on our way west to Liu Lin Chen by daylight. The latter place we reached before sundown. It is also 30 mi from Ning Hsiang. We found Mr. Han doing faithful work and were much encouraged with the general outlook There are fifteen enquirers here and four

have been taken on probation. I visited the home of two of these and saw with my own eyes that the idols formerly worshiped had been cast out and neat pictures hung in the niches where they had been. On Sun. the largest room in the refuge was filled with earnest listners, about a third being women. My former impressions as to the dense superstition of this place is fully confirmed on further acquaintance but there is evidence of the Christ work here in answer to prayer and this causes our hearts to rejoice.

Financially this refuge seems to be in fair way to success. Two men have paid their living expenses and the rent for the year (40,000 cash), and I brought 500 of silver home with me. There are about 2 mos. still left of the year and the prospect is that the proceeds will pay the wages of the two men who keep the refuge Mr. Han and Mr. Yao.

On our return we stopped again at Yang Chuan just at dusk and found Mr. Lou preaching to an audience of from 75 to 100. Here also there seems to be a beginning of the dawn of better days. We held a service the next morning with an audience of fully a hundred, and reached home at 3 o'cl in the afternoon in time for Christmas. The Chinese Christians took up the work of trimming up the chapel with evergreens in

their own way and the way they put their whole souls into the work was an inspiration of itself. The result was beautiful. I have seen few churches more beautifully trimmed at the Christmas season. The sight attracted several hundred outsiders who listened to the story of the birth of the Saviour of mankind.

I am sorry to be obliged to report that my wife has suffered a good deal from her rheumatism this winter. It seems imperative she should have a change as soon as the weather will permit. The past two years with the extra care of the Stratton children have told on her strength more than any other five years of our life in China. The mission voted us a vacation at the Ann. meeting last spring I hope the Prud. Com. have not overlooked the fact. I think we shall soon hear word especially on account of her health.

With sincere regard to yourself and Mrs. Smith believe me as ever

with deepest love and regard

faithfully yours

O. J. Stroud.

Fm Chs Fu, Dec 30, 1898.

Rec'd March 6, 1899.

Private!

Fen Chow Jan 2nd '99

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

In your letter of Aug 17th you speak of our school work and the necessity of raising up a body of young men for the ministry like those you saw at Tung Cho & I may be you have thought me delinquent in not replying to that part of your letter. A letter just received from you by the Prices and shown around the mission seems to imply that the impression has been conveyed to your mind that some of the members of this station had been opposed to the accomplishment of so desirable an object.

There has never been any difference of opinion in this mission since its organization, so far as I am aware, as to the desirability of such a class of helpers. There has been and still exists some difference of opinion as to the best means of securing this object.

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Before he went home Mr. Price was in charge of the school work here in Fen Cho fu and he turned it over to Mr. Atwater on leaving; but the appropriation had been largely cut into by the moving of a teacher and his family from Tientsin at a very large expense. Mr. Atwater was confronted with the problem of running the school without appropriation and we were just conferring over the matter when the recitation-room roof fell in with a crash and the pillars in the dormatories were bending to a fall. The roof was rebuilt and the cross-walls replaced (they had been taken out at the request of the teacher in spite of the earnest protests of Mr. Price's associates) This left the school c/c in debt and the next fall brought the death of Mrs. Atwater and hence the breaking up of all his plans of work. It was his strong desire to remain in the mission and not to return home and with a lofty consecration he planned to that end. In the winter the work was blessed of God and a great advance made among professing Christians. One result was that they, of their own free will proposed to reopen the school and to pay all the cost of board. The former teacher had in the mean time been sent to Taikw at

request so we were lacking a teacher but the church members selected a man who although not a professing Christian had long since rejected idolatry and was favorably disposed to the truth. He has since taken a noble stand for the Truth in his village.

The school was an experiment; but was carried on at a small expense from the necessity of our situation I wrote Mr. Price about the situation and he expressed himself as pleased with the change; but on the way out with Mr. Thompson and before they reached the field they had concluded themselves very greatly aggrieved and in lieu of help and inspiration coming to us from the home land a storm of indignation burst upon the mission that for more than a year has been an almost constant nightmare. We have tried to be patient. Every point in regard to the school has been conceded. The former teacher has been recalled although he was not favorable to self support Plan after plan was proposed: first it was proposed that the scholars bring in flour, grain &c. just as they do in the C. E. M. schools but when Mr. Price proposed it to the teacher he said it would not work so that ended it in Mr. Price's mind. Then it was proposed that each boy should pay

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The school was an exceedingly harmonious concert or
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1000 cash a month for his board (a little less than had been paid during more than a year) and to this the Church members agreed but the teacher said it would not work and that ended it in Mr. Price's mind.

This teacher had written a letter to Mr. Price while the latter was in Am. telling him that Mr. A. accused him of stealing Mr. Price's goods Mr. A. assured Mr. P. that it was not true and yet the teacher's word was taken as the truth. Dear, good, brother Price has a grand good heart and when he thinks he sees an injustice he lowers his head and charges regardless of consequences. I feel sure he was wrong in this case and unwittingly did the wrong thing. The school was finally put back on identically the old basis of the Board paying on half of the boys' board - Mrs. Price's feelings were satisfied for a time and the teacher's. When the school opened, however, it turned out as ought to be expected, that the Church-members were disgusted at such shuffling and refused to send their boys. The teacher in turn accused them of being unfriendly to him personally. It being a Shantung man this course did not mollify their feelings in the least.

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Mr. Price's main grievance was that the experimental School was too small and that counting out 4 who were too young to be in the school there would be only 9 left. After the unfortunate difficulty was settled by conceding every identical point to Mr. Price and the teacher it was found that, counting out the critical boys whom it was said should be counted out there were just 3 boys to begin the school! 2 or 3 have been added since and Mr. Price feels with the teacher that they both are the injured parties!

You may think that all this is puerile and it seems so to me; at the same time to demand progress of us when the issues are muddled after this fashion seems strangely like the demand for 'brick without straw'

I think that the intensity of feeling that accompanied the discussion has arisen partly from one woman's nervous condition fomented by a nervous man at the other end of our mission field. The latter seems subsiding since the arrival of the "anchor" and at this end we are just experiencing a lull in the storm.

I have great hopes for the future of the school here, but progress must be slow under

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the most favorable conditions.

I remember as late as only about 1 2 yo ago when I went to the coast to escort Mr. Thompson of having a conversation with Mr. Sheffield about the school at Tung Chu and I remember his complaint that both the Secretaries or the rooms and his associates were demanding "bricks without straw" in asking high results in too short a time with limited resources. Their resources were then really in advance of anything we have or are likely to have for some time either in the way of talents teachers or means. The school here is now entirely in the hands of brother Price and I know he will do the best he can. He has the kindest heart in the world and does love the boys and all the people and I know Mr. Atwater and myself wish well of the school and have several times assured him of our good will I hope I have not said too much

Please burn this as soon as you are through with it, and believe me as ever

with great love and respect

Yours faithfully

E. J. Atwater.

From Chas. Fr. Jan. 7. 1874.

Rec'd Monch 6.

Shanghai Apr. 8th '99

Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

The above post-mark may seem a little strange to you. It does to me. My wife's father is failing so rapidly and we were both working at such a disadvantage that our associates deemed it best for us not to delay the vacation that was voted by the mission nearly a year ago. The matter has been mentioned in correspondence with you both by myself and by the Sec of the mission; the last time he wrote in regard to the matter he stated that unless a cable-gram forbidding our return was received at Tientsin we oh'd consider the silence equivalent to permission to return.

This is not at all satisfactory to us in these days of uncertain mails and when so many letters are being lost through Chinese petty dishonesty (letters being stolen merely for the stamps).

From Chas. Jas. Jones
Apr. 8, 1899.

Olympia Apr. 8th '79

Governor Elwood L.P.
Boston Mass.

Dear Sir Sir:

The other post-mark may seem a little strange to you. Allow me my right to feel nothing a rapidly and we will nothing at such a distance. That our associate Samuel is not yet at liberty the reason therefore is by the minister needs a year of his master has been manifest in carrying out the use of the money: the last time he wrote in regard to the matter he stated that under a cash-upon hand allowing our return was received at Boston he asks permission to the author expected to permission to return.

This is not at all satisfactory to us, they long of our certain manifest such as money better as being but the Olympia Boston pay directly (letter being written merely for the author)

We should have preferred a regular permit from the Pres. Com. if circumstances permitted; but such may have been sent and the letter lost.

After the failure of Dr. Hall I wrote a circular letter to the mission offering to delay my vacation and let Mrs. A. go on in advance to Am. but all but one kindly declined saying most kindly that I needed the vacation more than the mission needs a doctor. My mind hardly accords with this opinion and I did prefer myself to remain until some one could arrive on the field; still at the desire of my wife and the definitely expressed opinions of my associates I am thus far on the way.

We must wait here a few days to get some foreign clothes and I hope to send this word by the steamer "City of Peking" wh. is to sail on the 12th. Our Str. the Gaelic, is advertized to sail on the 19th Inst.

We shall probably proceed at once to my wife's home — Delavan, Wis. at wh. address a letter would reach us.

With sincerest regards
as ever Yours C. J. Atwood.

Washington, D.C. April 28-98
Received April 11 1898

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Washington Asylum held on the 11th day of April 1898 at the office of the Board in the City of Washington, present the President and all the members of the Board except Mr. Hoss, the following proceedings were had, viz:

Upon the report of Mr. Hoss, Superintendent of the Asylum, that the recent heavy rains have so damaged the roof of the building occupied by the insane patients that it is necessary to have it repaired at once, and that the roofing material now on the building is of a kind which should be replaced by a better quality, the Superintendent is authorized to have the roof of the building repaired with the best quality of roofing material, and to do the work himself if he can do it more economically than by contract.

Upon the report of Mr. Hoss, Superintendent, that the boiler in the building occupied by the insane patients is so defective that it should be replaced by a new one, the Superintendent is authorized to have the boiler in question replaced by a new one, if he can do it more economically than by contract.

Upon the report of Mr. Hoss, Superintendent, that the plumbing in the building occupied by the insane patients is so defective that it should be replaced by a new one, the Superintendent is authorized to have the plumbing in question replaced by a new one, if he can do it more economically than by contract.

Upon the report of Mr. Hoss, Superintendent, that the sewer in the building occupied by the insane patients is so defective that it should be replaced by a new one, the Superintendent is authorized to have the sewer in question replaced by a new one,

Shanghai Apr. 11th '99

Re Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Your welcome letter of Feb. 25th bringing the news of the vote of the Prud Com. granting our furlough was received tonight, having been sent on here from Tientsin.

We desire to express our thanks for the permission and to state once more that our hearts are entirely in the work but that we realized ourselves and our associates more so perhaps that we were working at a great disadvantage and that "virtue had gone out of us" if we really had any to begin with!

We feel already so much refreshed by the journey so far that our hearts would incline us to return tho' our judgement is clear that a complete change is the wisest course. Then too My wife's father is failing so rapidly that it makes it daily more uncertain whether she is to see him before his great change.

Paul also needs his parent's direction early and Edward should be at school. We are seeking

Bloomfield Mo. 11th '99

Geehrter Herr Dr.
Bester Mann

Lieber Heinrich!

Ich muss Dir heute schreiben, weil es Sonntag ist und weil ich gestern so gründlich vergessen habe, Dir zu schreiben, daß Du Dich um das Geld keine Sorgen zu machen brauchst. Du kannst es ruhig in Deine Tasche stecken. Es ist nur eine Mark, die Du Dir leihen musst, um Dich zu legitimieren. Du hast Dich ja so gut gehalten, daß Du Dich wieder legitimieren kannst. Du musst Dich nur ein bisschen anstrengen, Du musst Dich ein bisschen mehr anstrengen, Du musst Dich ein bisschen mehr anstrengen, Du musst Dich ein bisschen mehr

Divine direction and we believe the promise that we shall be guided, and yet we have not a little anxiety about the future of the children. It seems a large problem for us to solve. Light will be given no doubt according to need.

We were made to feel the love of the Chinese people whom we left behind in a new way and can not soon forget their deep-felt farewell gifts and greetings. May the Holy Spirit deepen their love and faith in Him who only can save them from the evil in the world.

There were 21 applications to join the Church from Liu Lin Chen the out-station within 40 li of the Yellow River. Mr. Han is evidently doing a faithful work that is being blessed of the Spirit. The last Sun. at Fen Chu fu was stormy and yet our little chapel was full and I enjoyed it more than any service during my work in China. 135 Chinese at Tai Ku joined to present us a tablet expressing their regard in terms that it would be unfitting for me to repeat; enough to say I was satisfied as never before of genuine Christian love that comes from no other source but from above.

I am glad to say that the missionaries were all unusually well including their

Divine direction and we believe the promise that we shall be guided and led in the way of duty. We seem a large portion of the children. It seems a large portion for us to care. Still will be given us death according to our.

We now must see the law of the Christian walk when we fall behind in a can we not our can not we pray that this day yet travel off and operating. When the Holy Spirit deepen their love and faith in this the only can they then give the rest in the world.

Thus we are obligation to give the Christ the Lord Jesus. The evidence that the children to be saved. Yet is evidently doing so little convicts about the future of the children. It seems a large portion for us to care. Still will be given us death according to our.

3 Divine or Jesus by giving to prevent us a tender appearance that we are doing our duty to be saved in there. That is need to be saved. Thus we are to be saved. Yet is evidently doing so little convicts about the future of the children. It seems a large portion for us to care. Still will be given us death according to our.

We all immediately need in doubting the

children with the exception of slight cases of whooping-cough.

I am sorry to say that nearly all of the mission feel relieved at the withdrawal of Dr. Hall and that this act of his own is the greatest benefit he has yet conferred upon the mission. I am reluctant to say it; but I am now convinced that he deliberately deceived the mission as to his own condition. Dr Smith of Tientsin told him there was no sugar in his urine and yet he kept up the fiction of his having diabetes mellitus in the mission (or tried to) and at the same time was expecting to take the position of Treas. in the N. China Mission. The childishness of his course would almost lead one to doubt his sanity.

I hope with Mr. Atwater that time enough may be taken to find a physician for the mission that is both morally professionally qualified for the place; and yet there would seem to be no time to spare to fill this need which is as great as of any field that I know of.

Today comes the news that the concession of an island off Shan hai kwan is demanded by a foreign power. This island was chosen and surveyed by the Chinese and work begun on it for a naval

station. Tsung Tu Hsiang has offered to defend the island against all comers but the Empress Dowager has not consented up to date because her foreign naval force is too weak owing to loss in the Japanese war. Poor woman! the hook seems fastening in her nose by which she will be led in a way she thought not! The Lord will surely make all these things work out his own designs. The evidences here, as you no doubt know show that the education of the people is going forward at a rapid pace. While at Tientsin I visited at Mr. Tenney's. He was holding an examination to fill 15 vacancies in his school and there were 450 applicants for the places. There is a rift in the clouds of ignorance and superstition The people have seen the light (a glimmer) and they are waking. When they do awake let Christian people tremble! There is abundant food for thought here in Shanghai. May God bless his children here and in all this dark land that is catching the first glimmer of a Great Light.

With most sincere regard

Yours faithfully

D. J. Hoover.

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Rev. J. J. Atwood 293

Delavan, Wis. June 2nd 1909

Rec'd June 5th

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston, Mass

Dear Dr. Smith:-

I write just a line to let you know of our arrival last evening here at my wife's home after a journey of three months from Fen Chow. We are somewhat tired but shall rest rapidly and we are profoundly grateful to God for his kind providence over us during the long

journey.

A letter from Fen Chu fu dated Mar. 29th was awaiting here on our arrival. It speaks of prosperity in the work there and of the health and wellbeing of all at Fen Chu fu. and we feel thankful for this also. We have a letter also from Mrs. Davis, and know that they are w

It is with a deep sense of b that we have just heard of the death of Dr. Brand of Oberlin

I will not write more now

With deepest love and resp

Ever yours faithfully

J. Ahn

Delavan, Wis., June 11th
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Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Treas., Boston

Dear Dr. Smith:—

Your kind letter of June 7th came to hand today and I wish to express our gratitude to you for your thoughtful and kind words.

Freinds are most delightfully kind and life in Am. delicious after our long sojourn in Shansi and yet we find ourselves at the moment in a considerable degree of dispondency and doubt as to the future. Our son Paul is far from having found a settled course in life and will need parental direction for some time to come. Then our other two children Edward and Mabel

are just at the age when their schooling should be attended to and we could not think of taking them back to Shansi with us we bear the idea of leaving them without parental controll. The only other plan we can think of is to divide the family — my wife to stay with the children and I to return to the work alone or else to resign from the Board and seek some employment in this land. None of these courses seem to us joyful and it is hard to decide what to do. I speak of this <u>now</u> only because I wish to be frank and tell you what we are thinking about while at the same time I answer your question in regard to allowance for our maintainance while in this country. The sum we had when in Am. before was $80 pr. month as you will see by enclosed note from Mr. Ward. The cost of living here now is not less I presume than then. If this sum seems to the Prud. Com. a reasonable one for temporary arrangement we shall be satisfied. We pray to be guided aright in the future. Pray that we may! With profound love and regard

Yours faithfully D. J. Atwood

Delorraw, June 11, 1899

Rec'd June 13

Delaware June 11th, '99

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Secy., Boston,
Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

Your favor of June 8th asking about the grant of $500 for Mr. Price's house is just at hand and I hasten to reply.

On Mr. Price's return to Shansi there seemed to be a case of emergency. There were no rooms in their Chinese house that were considered safe to sleep in. All were too musty and damp and at the annual meeting—held at Fen Chu fu in May 1898, the mission voted to allow Mr. Price to go ahead at once to build suitable sleeping apartments {to cost not over $500 adjoining his house guaranteeing, on their personal accounts

to be responsible for the amount provided the Prud. Com. did not see fit to make the grant.

My impression is that the treasurer of the mission failed to write you the necessary explanations in regard to this special case and took for granted that the aum would be voted without doubt. I wish personaly to testify that the emergency was a real one. My belief is that the family could not have escaped sickness longer if compelled to sleep in the quarters they were occupying. I understand that at present Mr. Price is carrying this Aut. on his own personal account and that it would be a great relief to him and his associates if the Com. could see their way to grant it as soon as possible.

With great respect
Yours faithfully
D. J. Atwood.

Delavan, June 11, 1899

Recd June 15

Delavan, Wis June 19th '99

Rev Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:—

Your letter of June 14th announcing the vote of $1000 a year by the Pres. Com. for our disposal while in this country was rec'd last week and arouses feelings of gratitude to you and them.

An earlier letter of yours (Mar. 29th) that went to China also reached here last week. The matter concerning Dr. Hall is a part of the past as Mr. Frear wrote me last week that he (Dr. Hall) was on the next incoming steamer with his family.

In regard to Jentsun appearing in the estimates I think probably that was merely a clerical convenience in setting down the Salary &c. of those who are at the place. There is no other place for them

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to live at present and they must remain there until some house is provided at a new station.

Only Mr. Atwater has written me since An. Meeting and that very briefly. I quote what he says on this point. "The Thompsons agree to move to new station perhaps in the hills to the east. Mrs. Partridge asks permission to go with them - granted."

This region of country has not been visited by Mr. Davis, Mr. Price, Mr. Atwater or myself. Messrs Clap, Williams and Thompson have been there and ought to know something about it. The Lin Lin Chen region is hardly suitable for a central station. I am somewhat surprised that the mission seems to have changed its mind about the Ching Yüen region. It votes last year to make that the next station of the mission.

With deepest regard
Yours as ever J. J. Atwood

Delaware, June 19-99

Rec'd June 21

Delaware, Sep. 15th '99

Rev Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Your kind favor of Sep. 11th reached me a day or two ago and I have been pondering the question whether I ought not to go to the meeting as I have never yet attended. I am so far decided in the aff as to send word according to your suggestion to Mr. James C. Kimball, 20 Market Sq. of the probability of my being in attendance at the meeting.

You no doubt continue to hear favorable reports from the Shansi mission. Mr. Atwater has written several times requesting me to secure pills for the opium refuges and I have made arrangements to send a supply at once by mail. With kindest regards to Mrs Smith I remain with undiminished esteem Yours J. J. Atwater

Delaware Sep 15-99

Rev. J. J. Stewart

Dalavan, Sep. 15, 1899.

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Delavan, Wis. Oct. 16th 99

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston
Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Just a word to let you know of my safe arrival here and of progress on the way. Left Providence on Mo. morning and reached Chicago Tues. evening and looked up my son Paul who has begun his work and study at the dental school connected with Lake Forest Univ. This school is just across the street from Rush Med. I recd a kind invitation from the dean of the faculty — Dr. Dodson — to attend as many lectures as I wished free of charge so I spend the rest of the week in that way so that I could be near Paul and if needed give any help or direction to him. I am glad to know that he seems to be making a good start in the work of getting his profession, and our hearts are in a measure comforted with the thought that he is awake at last in some measure to the need

Wrote J. Smith Feb. 15, 1899.

of diligence and industry in his work. It will give us much hope and encouragement for the future if this happy result can be secured. There are many diversions and temptations in such a great city for a boy of his age but we shall hope and pray that he may be saved from these things and go steadily on to the desired haven of success.

Received Oct. 1919.

Oct. 15, 1899

The inspiring meetings at Providence have already been a great help to me although the problems before us for the future are not much nearer solution I think I can feel a more confident trust in the Divine will and a willingness to do His will even tho' it should crush long cherished hopes. it seems easier to say "Thy will be done".

I am thankful for the great privilege of seeing so many missionaries and friends of missions and to get the sense of stability & work that underlies the great cause for wh. the Board stands. I was glad for even the short visit at the Rooms - Nothing to be remembered kindly to Mrs. G.

I remain with greatest love and esteem
Yours faithfully D. J. Atwood.

Delavan, Wis., Oct. 19th '99.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

Your favor of Oct. 14th with D.F. of $30. enclosed was rec'd yesterday. This is very close to the Amt. of R.R. fare (within $1.) and I thank you very much for it. It has been a very great privilege for me to make the visit and I am very glad if my feeble remarks or presence added anything to the value of the meeting.

I have learned with great sorrow today of the death of Mrs. Thompson of the Shansi mission at Jen Tsun. This news has come to me through Mrs. Rona of Oberlin who seems grieved that I could not stop to see them on my way from the East.

Aside from her nervous condition and poor health. I feel a reluctance to meet her especially on account of the betwisted (pardon the liberty) condition of reports from Shansi the source of which is not exactly responsible for what wrong impressions may have been produced. My earnest desire is that all unhappy differences may at length be permitted to pass into oblivion and the mission give its whole attention to the work before it. This shall be my earnest prayer.

With undiminished esteem and love

Yours faithfully

S. J. Atwood.

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Delavan, Oct. 19, 1899.

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Delavan, Wis. Oct. 24th '99

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

Your kind letter of Oct. 19th came to hand yesterday and in the same mail came letters from Mr. Clapp and one in Chinese from the evangelist — Mr. Liu whom you met at Ting Cho (if you remember) This last is full of enthusiasm on account of the work of preaching the Gospel and breathes forth the very spirit of a Divine unction. He wishes to be remembered to the venerable friends in America.

I do not wish to rush the matter of my own decision in regard to Shansi. I only want to be frank and honest with myself and others and Mrs. Atwood has been feeling that the lack of decision in the matter is preventing her from getting the rest she must have soon or succumb to the nervous strain. She has gone today to Madison and may be will feel refreshed and helped on her return from those meetings.

Mr. Clapp uses the word "must" in speaking

Rev. S. L. Baldwin
Oct. 19, 1899.
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of my return — the word which as you know was said at the meeting at Providence to be most effectacious. You could hardly find any one in this country more willing than I am to go personally and if it is the Lord's will that I should go there will be no hesitation here.

I agree with what you say in regard to Mrs. Thompson's faithfulness as a mother and a consecrated missionary and as to the great loss to the mission. I am not at all sure, however, that the presence of a physician in the mission could have saved her life. I doubt whether all the physicians of America could have saved Mrs. Atwater's life and the case of Mrs. Thompson may be similar (I do not know the circumstances)

It may be of interest to you to know that after Dr. Hall left the field I offered my services to remain on the field until another physician could be sent out and received a letter from Mrs. Thompson saying she did not feel the need of my remaining that they felt secure with Dr. Lovett only 30 miles from them — and this was the vote of all in the mission (with the exception of Mr. Atwater) on the circular motion, Even with perfect houses and surroundings these cases can not be guaranteed.

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and Chinese houses with their water soaked walls are very far from being ideal surrounding in such cases.

I do not feel myself competent to recommend in the matter of selecting a suitable physician for the field but if I can do anything to aid in any way I should be happy to do so.

I was almost thunder-struck on recalling a few weeks afterwards what I had written you about delaying the appointment until a man of character could be found. I did not dream of criticising past appointments and yet in my amazing stupidity I overlooked the fact that it was almost impossible to construe it in any other way! I can only pray earnestly that the right man may be found and sent out with all possible speed.

With sincere and earnest prayer for the peace and prosperity of the mission

Yours faithfully

E. J. Atwood.

Delevan, Oct. 24, 1899.

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Delavan, Wis., Nov. 16th, 99.

To
Rev. Judson Smith D. D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Your very kind favor of Nov. 10th, in your own hand, came duly and did me a lot of good. I have never, in fact, received a letter from you that did not do me good.

The sample mission sketches sent were also received and in answer to your proposal am glad to write what I can and will send it as soon as possible and if not suitable it need not be printed of course. I have not kept memo. of dates and am a little fearful on that score. I think I may have some knowledge of the fields that will be of interest if I can get into proper shape and will try to do the best I can. Thank you for the opportunity and the

Delavan, Oct. 24, 1899.
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generous estimate of my ability to do the work.

I am very much interested as, no doubt, you are in the report of the Philippine Commission. If all is true it will disarm much of the opposition to the present Administration May it not be taken by the U.S. as "Primer Lesson No. 1" in dealing with Asiatics? And is not the prospect good for a number of lessons in the near future? When we get as far as the "High School Reader" No. 4" the people may perhaps graduate and begin on China. I am much pleased with the attitude of the Administration on the "open door" policy in China. If that can be maintained there is hope for the future of that empire. If, on the other hand China be dismembered what endless boundary lines over which to wage new Boer wars. Closer and closer are the lines of the seige of Satan's citadel of ignorance and superstition being drawn and the time of deliverance of the people draws on apace!

In answer to your question as to present decision of our case. The matter lies in my mind something like this:—

The children ought not to be robbed of their

schooling and at least one of us is needed where they are. If it were thought best for me to go on a couple of years in advance and for my wife to remain with the children until they are started in their schooling and perhaps Paul has finished his professional course (he seems to be doing well now) it might seem possible to go to leave them then or some way might be provided. Mrs. Atwood's father is very old and feeble (84) and she would find it very hard to leave him now. What the future may have in store we do not know. We want very much to be guided to do that which will be for the best and to do His will. Any personal sacrifice I hope we shall ever be ready to make. To sacrifice our children's welfare does not seem to be our right; neither would the Master require it. I do not suppose hearing from the mission later could make much difference with the problem unless they should decide that they do not want us there and that, of course, would settle our problem for us. We will still think in all our ways to acknowledge Him trusting that he will direct our path.

With sincere regard
Yours faithfully
J. J. Atwood

Delavan, Nov, 15, 1899.

Rec'd Nov. 17.

Delaware, Iowa, Jan. 15, 1898.

Rowena Bird

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Oberlin, Ohio.
March 4. 1890.

Dr. Smith,
Dear Sir,
A communication from Mr. Swett informs me that a shipment to China leaves the last of this month and that there will not be another until the last of June. Would it not be best for me to send some things, at least, in this shipment? My bedding is almost ready

and I have a good organ, that I would like to take if possible, and a few other small things.

I have understood that Mr. Swett could procure for me, necessary articles of furniture, such as bed and chairs, so that I could send me these things of which I should be in great need upon reaching China. I understand that most of our Shansi friends have waited some time for their goods.

The only thing that makes me hesitate is that

I do not yet know who, if any
one is going with me
I do not feel very much
encouraged about Miss
Shaw's going.
If you think it best
for me to send these things
now, will you please
forward fifty dollars
($50) of my allowance?
That is all I shall need
now as my clothing will
not need to be ready for some time
Yours
Rowena Bird
23 N. College St.

Miss Rowena Bird.

Oberlin, March 4. 1890.

Rec'd March 7.

Miss Rowena Bird

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232 W College St
Oberlin, Mch 11-1890

Dr Smith

Dear Sir

If it is convenient you may send the fifty dollars ($50) that I mentioned in my letter the other day. I find that I can get sewing done easier and probably cheaper now, than later in the season.

I am glad that Mr Barton

is considering the question
of going to China He will
be a good worker.

Yours Sincerely
Rowena Bird.

Miss Rowena Bird

Rec'd May 1, 1890

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Oberlin Ohio
Apr. 28 - 1890

Mr. Smith,

Dear Sir:

My preparations are progressing very nicely, indeed I may say that my outfit is nearly ready. There is, however, one question that I want to ask before going any further. Ought I to plan for a room-mate, bearing some things that

Miss Rowena Bird 303

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Oberlin Ohio
Apr. 28 - 1890

Dr. Smith,
Dear Sir:
My preparations are progressing very nicely, indeed I may say that my outfit is nearly ready. There is, however, one question that I want to ask before going any farther. Ought I to plan for a room-mate, bearing some things that

that two would use in comfort
for her to get, or provide as I
thought I was to be alone. I
I have not yet heard
whether Miss Hewett is
go to Shansi or not, and
do not know whether we
would be together if she
Letters from Shansi
have so often spoken of the
skill of the Chinese in
making furniture that
I am not planning to
take much in that line
but I suppose stove and

ed will have to be taken
from here.
I have been estimating
expenses pretty carefully
and think I will ask you
to send (75) seventy five dollars.
That will be all, I hope, that
I will need to spend here.
A few things will have to be
bought in Boston, I suppose.
The rest of the money I shall
want to take with me to
buy tables, wardrobes &c. there.
We were so sorry to learn
that Mr. Price must return

I do hope that the way
will be opened for Mr.
Berton to go. I think
that since the ~~news~~
news of Mr. Price's failing
health, and one or two
other minor consideration have
come to him, that he would
go, were he released from
his engagement at Wellington
but he feels bound there,
especially as part of his salary
has been advanced. Perhaps
I am hoping against hope,
I have a feeling that Mr. Berton
will yet go.

Yours sincerely
Rowena Bird

23 West College St.

Oberlin Ohio
May 18-1890

Dr. Judson Smith;
Dear Sir;

A letter just received from Miss Hewett enables me to say to you that we will not need the allowance for house-keeping just at present, as we are agreed in

thinking it best to delay
purchasing until we
reach China. We are
however, ~~both~~ in favor
of housekeeping as seems
as it shall seem best.

Can you inform
us at the time of sailing
A class-mate, Miss Kim
is going to Honolulu to
a teacher, and is anx-
ious to go with us
if possible. She tells
me that a through steam

sails the twenty third of August, a very convenient date for her. I think this date would be convenient for Miss Hewett and myself unless you should think it best for us to start earlier

Yours sincerely

Rowena Bird

Miss Rowena Bird. S

Oberlin, May 18, 1890.

Rec'd May 21.

23 West College St.
Oberlin May 5-1890

Mr. Smith,
Dear Sir,
Your letter, with its welcome news came this afternoon. I am quite well acquainted with Miss Hewett and am so glad that we can be together.

The draft was also received. It may be that I shall have to call for more, but I will wait

until we learn what
furniture we will need
to buy here. I think I might
to plan to take part of it
with me any way.
I have been thinking about
the Prices' furniture. Anna
tells me that they have
a good deal, and she does
not think they will bring
much of it with them.
Mr. & Mrs. Simson did not
bring back theirs. Could not
Miss Hewitt and I depend
on buying a good many
things of them, and save
the expense of taking them
over?

Yours Sincerely
Romena Bird.

Miss Rovena Bird S

Oberlin, May 5, 1890

Rec'd May 8

Oberlin Ohio
May 27 - 1870

Dr. Smith,
Dear Sir;
Your letter was received last evening. I am delighted that we are to have company to Pierson.
Enclosed you will find answers to questions sent me. I also send by the same mail a cabinet picture of myself. I have carefully read the circular and will try to profit by its suggestions

Yours Sincerely
Rosena Bird

23 N. College St.

Oberlin, May 27, '90.

Rec'd May 29.

N. Springfield Vt.
July 19-1890.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Sir,

Last week mother and I passed through Boston, and made a call at the rooms, but found you absent. We are having a quiet rest among the hills and enjoying it greatly. No one asks me to make missionary speeches or to do anything else that requires much effort and I am already reaping the benefits of this clear, pure air and quiet rest. I shall pass through Boston on my way west, and will call again at the rooms. If I start at the time now planned, I shall be in Boston August 12th.

Yours sincerely,
Rowena Bird

N. Greenfield Wis.
Aug. 21-1880

Mr. L. S. Ward,
Dear Sir,
Your letter with enclosed checks and passage orders was received last evening. I signed and returned the smaller passage order as you directed. My name is usually written Rosvena, simply and unless you think it desirable to print the name in full, I should prefer it so.

Yours sincerely
Rosvena Bird

Miss Susan Rowena Bird
Aug 25. 190,

Her suggestion as to printing her name without the "Susan" referred to her sweetheart.
Ed Atty

Chicago Ill.
Aug. 26 - 1890

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
1 Somerset St - Boston -

Dear Sir,

The last good-by has been said, and I am really on my way. My brother came down from Milwaukee with me this morning, and has done every thing for my comfort. I leave in a few moments for Sioux City, where I expect to meet Miss Hewett, and the rest of the way we will be traveling companions.

I spent part of the afternoon in Dr Humphrey's office, and part at the rooms of the Women's Board. Everyone is very kind and every thing is done for me that can be.

Just before leaving Oberlin I received a good letter from

Mr. Francis Price, in which he gave me a hearty welcome to the mission.

He also said that a horse was furnished ready for us, and that they hoped to be able to return after a year or two of rest. I feel that the Lord has been very good to me, and I am so thankful that my mother is happy in my going.

Yours sincerely
Rowena Bird.

Chicago, Aug. 26, 1890

Rec'd Aug. 29

Tientsin China
Oct. 18-1890.

Dr. Jackson Smith;
Dear Sir;
Mr. Tewksbury has probably informed you of our safe arrival. We have had a remarkably pleasant journey, although there were days on the steamer that we did not thoroughly enjoy.

Dr. Atwood is here, waiting to accompany us to Shansi. We had hoped to get an early start Monday morning (next), but our steamer has not been able to get over the bar, and baggage must be transferred by small boats at the company's convenience. It is now Saturday afternoon and we hear nothing of our baggage.

Chicago, Aug. 26 1890

We have received letters of welcome from almost all of the Shansi Missionaries since reaching Tientsin, and we hope to meet them all soon.

It is a little cool but we hope the heavy frosts will keep off until we have crossed the mountains, especially on account of Dr. Atwoods little boy, but we are providing plenty of warm clothing and wraps, and expect to get along nicely.

Sincerely yours
Roxena Bird.

Received and answered Rec'd Aug. 2 Rec. 1x

Gai-ku China
Jan 21- 1891-

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
#1 Somerset St. Boston,

Dear Sir,

Miss Hewett and I are now feeling nicely settled in our own rooms, and enjoy them very much. We have succeeded in making them quite home like, in spite of some difficulties.

We are not housekeeping yet but are boarding with Mr. & Mrs. Clapp, who do every thing in their power to ~~make~~ to help us, and make things pleasant and home like for us. We are planning to keep house next year, and have sent in our Boston and San Francisco orders, with that in view.

We enjoy Dr. and Mrs. Goldsbury very much, and are sorry that we cannot all be in the same compound, as one cannot run over to a neighbor's here with the freedom that one can at home. Yet we see them

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quite frequently. This evening is our prayer-meeting evening, and we expect the friends to meet in our sitting room.

We take turns in leading, and although we do not have a large company, only six, our meetings are always good, and we feel that the Lord is with us, strengthening and ~~xxxd~~ blessing.

Our teacher comes both morning and afternoon. We each read an hour and a half in the morning, and an hour or less in the afternoon. We also jot down words & phrases that we hear in Chinese service, and ask Mrs. Claff their meaning. We seem to ourselves to be progressing slowly, and I especially, forget so many words whose meaning I ask, but Mrs. Claff encourages us, and tells us we are getting along nicely.

We are not in the least discouraged, although we would like to do better.

We have received Minneapolis papers, giving reports of the Board meeting, and enjoy reading them. I was very much

in hopes that my mother would be able to attend the meeting, but it seems that home duties prevented.

We are beginning so soon to look forward with anticipation to the time when we can welcome the newcomers next fall. They may be sure of a hearty welcome from us all. I presume Mr. Calaff will meet them at the coast. I have written mother about them, and hope she will be able to meet them before they sail.

Yours sincerely
Rowena Bird.

Darling June 21, 1877
Rec'd April 13

Li Man Chwang - China
July 31 - 1891

Dr. Judson Smith,
Dear Sir,

It has been, I recall, some time since I have written a word to the rooms. Our lives are so quiet and uneventful here at Li Man, that there is little to write about. Dr. Goldsbury has doubtless written you that I am boarding with them this summer. They are very pleasant people and I enjoy being with them. As I write little Ned is making me a call, and with a lead pencil I have given him, is writing his letter. We still have frequent calls from women. Yesterday there were five. We have had over a hundred calls since coming to Li Man not including those coming for medical treatment. Mrs. Goldsbury's nurse has been a very efficient help, but she has been called to Pa-yuen fu by the illness of a son, and we do not know when she will return. Her youngest

son, Sui Cheng, has been here all summer, and has been my pupil in the San Tzu Ching, the first book used in the school. It was his mother's intention to put him in school when she brought him from Taiyuen fu in the spring, but it was just when Mrs. Claff was preparing to go eastward and he did not work well under the Chinese teacher, never having been under restraint, and also having a prejudice & fear concerning the school.

It was thought by Mrs. Claff and others that if he could be well started in study this summer, under one of whom he was not afraid, he would be willing to go into the school in September. So although I was not familiar with the San Tzu Ching myself, and did not feel very capable of explaining it, I began as best I could, reading the lesson previously with my teacher.

I have really enjoyed the work very much, and my pupil was doing so nicely that he could have finished the book easily before September, but he could not be persuaded to stay when his mother was called home. I am very sorry that

it has so happened, and for that he may not be back again, but he is a boy of great energy, and worth getting hold of. I earnestly hope we may have him in the school next fall. It seems to me there is great opportunity for work among the women of Lei Mean, if there was only someone here who could talk freely. It is much easier for us to talk with some callers than with others, but with those who understand the easiest our conversation must be limited. The best that I can hope to do, is to show them that I like to have them come, am interested in them and their children, and would help them if I could. I feel that it would be a great privilege to teach these women, and bring some light & comfort into their narrow lives.

Yours sincerely
Romana Bird.

Rec'd Sept. 21.

Tai-Ku, Feb. 8-1892

Dr. Smith;

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Sep. 21- was received two or three mails since, and would have been answered before, had it not been for grip and sore eyes, from which I am just recovering. There is a great amount of sickness both in this city and throughout the whole plain, and the malady seems to be more fatal than in its ravages of last year. Our teacher, Mr. Liu, reports seventeen deaths in his village in one month, all I suppose from Grip. We have been mercifully spared, myself being the only one suffering from the disease, and that not very severely. Some of the servants however have been ill, and Mr. Calaffs' gate keeper has been very low for several days, and it is yet doubtful whether he will live or not.

The annual meeting would have been

held this week had we been able to go to Fen-chow-fu. We are now hoping to go the latter part of this week if the sick servant is able to be left.

In regard to making a call for more single woman, I think all of the Mission feel the need of more workers in this department, and we shall be sure to call, if there is any hope that by so doing we shall gain the helpers needed.

I myself am not really into the work yet, but I can see around me so much that could be done were I master of the language enough to do it, and the work is widening so that in a very short time there will be much more to do than the present force of women can accomplish. The school can well take one young women's time next year, in addition to the present teaching force, But there is much that must be done besides this work. Many women are coming to the dispensary week by week, and now & then one is kept for a few days or weeks on the place for treatment. These women are often ready to listen & anxious

to learn, and would welcome us in their homes, so that village work could be begun at once, if there was any one to take it up. We earnestly hope to have a hospital before long, but that means enlarged work along evangelistic as well as medical lines. If there are to be women & children in our hospital there must be some woman ready to devote a good deal of time to regular, systematic teaching.

Besides this, there ought to be station classes of women to whom daily instruction could be given for some weeks at a time. Mrs. Calaff has done something of this in addition to her school work, but she could do more if she were relieved somewhat in her other work, however the school work is enlarging so that the addition of one teacher next year may not make her work much less than it has been.

You will notice that I have said nothing of the work among the women of the city — the receiving of calls & the calling in homes that are open to us. I have only mentioned those three lines of work which require

so much time regularly & systematically given, that they must be done by those whose time is not cumbered by family cares. It can easily be seen that two young women would comprise but scant force for all this work, and at present Paikin has but one. Miss Hewett has been in Fenchow since last May and I understand that that station will call for another young lady to work with her there. They do indeed need two there, and ought to have them if possible. I would second such a call most heartily, yet I think it can be safely said that at the present state of the development of the work, Paikin would be as fearfully supplied with two young ladies as Fenchow for with one, for in addition to woman's work in the city, village work & that in connection with patients; for which workers are needed in both stations, we have in addition a well established boarding school, which is demanding enlargement, and which we hope in time will be made a school of higher education

Soon after receiving your letter I wrote to a friend in Oberlin, who is a Missionary Volunteer and graduates this year - Miss Carrie Chittenden. Since writing I have learned that there is a prospect of her going to Foochow. I did not in my letter try to induce her to choose this instead of other work she might have in mind, yet I did hope that this might prove to be the place for her. If the Lord wants her in another place it is not for us to say no. She is a good girl. I think she will be able to adapt herself to circumstances, and will be a very companionable person with whom to live and work. I have also written to a classmate - Miss Grace Mellen, but presume she will not be at liberty to come for some time. I do not know of any others whose thoughts turn in this direction, but trust there may be some who can come to our help before long. I don't see how we can make our call for less than two, one for Fûchô-fu and one for Tai-ku. If two can be sent to us Miss Hewett and I are willing either to

keep house together and let the new comers be together, or each take one young lady. Unless the two young ladies should be intimate friends & so desire to be together, the latter plan would probably be best for them, as we girls know enough of the language now, to be able to keep house, and could so arrange as to give a companion all of her time to study, and perhaps render her some assistance in study and in getting accustomed to the conditions of life & work.

I would like to answer some of your questions about the work & condition of the women we meet, but my eyes are far from well yet and I do not dare to write longer.

Yours sincerely

Rowena Reid.

Taikku, Feb. 8, 1872.
Rec'd Apr. 12.

Jin Tsun Shansi China
Aug. 8. 1892.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of April 28 is at hand. In accordance with the suggestions which you made in regard to calling for helpers, I am writing again to Oberlin, to a friend who was a member of our Mission Band before I came away, and who had had some correspondence with Dr. Alden before going to Oberlin to study — Miss Mary Louise Partridge. Her father was a pastor-home missionary I think, in Florida when I first met Miss Partridge, but since that time he has moved to Atlanta Ga. I knew Miss Partridge as a good student, and earnest Christian, as well as pleasant friend. Since coming away I have heard nothing from her, and do not know what circumstances may have intervened to change her plans of life work or to take her from Oberlin. The letter was sent in care of a classmate of Miss Partridge's younger brother & sister, so that I hope it may reach her, even if she is not in in school herself. I have the impression that

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Miss Partridge graduates in '93 but it may possibly be a year later. I am planning to write either to the Mission Band or to Mrs. Johnston soon.

Just now I am spending a little time with Mrs. Cloff at Jen Tsun, but expect soon to return to Liman where Dr. & Mrs. Goldsbury are spending the summer. We expected to have a great many calls from women this summer as this is the first time foreign ladies have been in the village to stay any time, but it has rained so constantly since I came that we have had comparatively few calls, and have ourselves made but one. Word has come this morning of devestating floods in the district about Pai-yuen-fu. The report brought by a servant who lives in the flooded district is, seventy villages flooded, twenty or more utterly destroyed, and ~~xxx~~ many people drowned. There is of course a possibility that the account is exagerated, but the suffering is doubtless great, and the destruction of crops may produce famine in that district.

Tomorrow we are planning to spend the day at Chi Wang, some fifteen li from this place, with the family of Mr. Lin, our noble christian friend

of whom you have heard from others. Mr. Liu's wife, daughter, and daughter in law have been taught by Mrs. Clapp in Taiku, and they seem to remember remarkably well what they have been taught. We often wish that their home was not so far removed from Taiku, for we think that a good work for the women could be begun in that village, with this Christian home to start from, if it was only near enough that we could pay frequent visits. There have been women to service here every Sabbath since Mrs. Clapp came, but our callers are not yet well enough acquainted with us to be willing to listen long to the message we have to give. The woman are much freer here than in the city, and for more accessable, so that I doubt not a work could be done here among them if there was any one to do it. I long for the time when we can get hold of the women in the villages about Taiku. I doubt not it can be done as soon as there are those whose hands, and tongues, are free to do it. Our school is to open again before long and I expect to take my place as teacher - not giving my whole time to teaching, as there is still much

studying to be done, but taking three classes & some other duties. The little taste of teaching I have had here makes me look forward to that work with pleasure.

Sincerely yours

Romena Bird.

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Taiku Shansi China
Nov. 23 - 1892

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,
Dear Sir,

It has been some time since your letter was received, and I fear I have been somewhat negligent in my duty in not replying to it before. Of late we have been busier than usual helping to get the new friends settled; but we are so glad to have them with us that any little services we can render are a pleasure to us. Mr + Mrs Williams having had a year of study before reaching us are able to do many things for themselves impossible for the ordinary new comer to do; and Mr. + Mrs Atwater are picking up words + phrases nicely. They are glad to be established in their own home, and are, I think, in all respects, glad they did not stay at the coast. The new friends are just the right people, just what we want, but still our wants are not supplied; and it is because this want is so pressing that I am writing just at this time. I am quite oppressed with the fact that I am the only single woman in this mission, and that, when four is the least that we think

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we can get along with Mrs. Thompson makes an addition to the work at Fen Ts'uny, but it leaves the work elsewhere poorly supplied. It seems to me, and to others in the station, that I really must have some one with me here in Ts'ai-hsi.

Fen-chiu is also in need and wants two, so that if only one comes I may have hard work to keep hold of her. My hands are about as full as they can be now. Besides my study, which must not be given up yet, I am teaching three classes in school, giving instruction in music, attending clinics on Tuesday and teaching a class of women on Sunday. This is not as much as I hope to do next year, but Mrs. Clapp is as busy as before I helped her, owing to growth in the work, and she will be going home, according to present plan, a year from the coming spring. What we are going to do then I don't know. We are very very short of help now, not having teachers enough for the Sunday work even. Mr. Williams has taken my class of boys which leaves me free to take one of women, and Mrs Williams will soon be able to take the women who are irregular attendants, and she is ~~most~~ trying

to get acquainted with the women who come ~~on~~ to clinic. All this helps, but does not make it ~~necessary~~ possible for either Mrs. Clapp or myself to go to a village to teach without neglecting duties here. It ought to be reaching out a little, but I fear it will be impossible to do any village work, or any systematic teaching among the women patients, and also keep up the school when Mrs. Clapp goes home unless we have help at once,

The school work is now more than enough for one, besides the ~~the~~ work which Mrs. Clapp does as nominal head of the school — a position that must be taken by a man when Mr. Clapp goes. If the married ladies do work among the women of the city, and what other work their household cares will permit, there ought still to be three young women here to for the school, village work, station classes &c. This is not a large estimate, and still I am here alone with the prospect of being so after Mrs. Clapp leaves us. If a young lady should come next fall she will not be ready for work for two years, so with the very best we can do, the school, village work &c. will be no better supplied in the fall of '94 than they were when I came; however if reinforcements are on hand next fall it will mean that the work can be kept up, and

in due time be carried on as it ought. When I said that one coming next fall would not be ready for work for two years, I did not mean that there are not many helpful things that can be done in that time, but it is a great detriment on all sides to be pushed into the regular work too soon

I realize that it will be a trying time in the history of the school when Mr & Mrs. Colapp leave it. Mrs. Colapp is a woman of so much experience as a teacher, and in all respects so well adapted to the work, that I feel ~~xxxxxx~~ that it will be no light thing to take her place. Since there were no single ladies for us this fall, this work will of necessity fall upon me, and I am willing, yes glad to do all I can, but must I do it without the hope of being reinforced next fall? The missions have already asked for two young ladies, and that when it was supposed Miss Hewett would remain at Fenchow-fu. I know that the need in other fields is urgent, and I do not want to rob other places to fill this, but we do so want some of the girls here.

I have written to Oberlin and am writing again so far I have apparently not met with success.

Sincerely yours
Rowena Bird.

Pairie, Nov. 23, 1892
Recd Feb. 7, 1893

Pai Ku Dec. 29- 1892

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.
Boston Mass,

Dear Sir;

Your letter of Oct. 14 reached me by last mail, and I take the first opportunity to answer it. My letter to Miss Partridge has not received an answer, but I am hoping for one by each mail. We shall earnestly pray that the resources of the Board ~~will~~ may be such that those so necessary to the success of our work may not be detained for lack of funds. I do need a companion in the work here so much. You have asked for a more detailed account of myself and Miss Hewett. As to Miss Hewett's duties I shall have to refer you to Mr. Thompson, but you have doubtless heard before this of their marriage. Mrs. Atwater and myself spent parts of two days with them this week. They are somewhat settled though not entirely so. As for myself. I am boarding with Mr. & Mrs. Clapp as I have been for the past two years & more. My room

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is in the same court with Mr. & Mrs. Atwater. We are all somewhat closely packed together but are such good friends that it is not unpleasant. Mrs. Atwater and myself have each found a sister in the other and are happy to be so near each other. Mrs. Claff is still the good mother to me that she has ever been. My first duty after breakfast is morning chapel prayers, where I play the organ & lead the singing. This exercise is somewhat lengthy, and takes, under Mr. Claffs direction, a valuable place in the education of the boys in a knowledge of the Bible. Some little household duties come next, and the rest of the morning is devoted to study and teaching. The books taught just now are "Three Character classic" which is committed to memory, "Pilgrim's Way", a reading class; and Geography. Our morning lessons at Chapel are now in the old testament, and a few moments must daily be spent on that in order to be sure of reading correctly. In the afternoon I read with the Chinese teacher the lesson studied out in the morning. The book I am at work at now is Evidence of Christianity by Dr. Martin of Peking. This however is but a small part

of the work to be covered during the year. I very ~~much~~ Tuesday afternoons I spend in the dispensary, i.e. an ~~h~~ hour or so, and frequently go over at other times to administer chloroform or otherwise assist in operations. On Sabbath I have a class of four women, who are in the employ of the ladies of the mission. Mrs. Clapp and myself have been alternating with each other in going to Chi'Wang on the Sabbath that Mr. Clapp preaches there, to teach the family of Mr. Liu, our Christian teacher. This place is distant thirty li from us, and we may not be able to keep it up permanently. The last time I was there the room was well filled with women. They had come from curiosity, and while some listened, many I fear got nothing. Our hope is that as the idly curious drop off we may still have a few beside the Liu family who will come regularly to hear & be taught. Mrs. Thompson at Jen Tsun is but fifteen li from Chi'Wang, and she may take up the work later. As to study, I very much hope to be examined on another year's work next spring or summer, but I am very doubtful about the next year's work if Mr. & Mrs.

Clapp here as at the time expected. It may be that the last year's work will have to be spread over a longer space of time, and that I shall have to wait for the last examination till the young lady who comes to help me is able to take some of the work. The school now numbers twenty three and is in good condition. The more I see of the school the more I come to know of the patient, thorough work that has has been put into it. & The foundations have been most carefully & faithfully made.

If in future years the school meets our expectations, and proves a success, that success will be largely due to the thorough work required from the first, and the precedents established. We cannot allow such a work, into which so much of consecration & good work has been put, to fail now. The school will not suffer I think for a financial & nominal head, and I hope that the gentleman who takes that position will in time teach some of the most advanced classes, but if we do not have more teaching force either the school or the woman's work must suffer for it.

We have text books now in hand, which we

had hoped to introduce this year, but there is no one with time to teach them. The coming of one young woman to our station the coming fall would be such an encouragement and help.

We shall be disappointed indeed if there is no one for us.

Sincerely yours

Rowena Bird.

Tai Ku, Dec. 29, 1892

Rec'd March 11, 1893

Tai-Ku-Shansi, China
Apr. 13, 1893

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Sir,

Our courier has come in very unexpectedly this eve., and has brought your letter of Feb. 7. Our coast bound courier is to leave at daylight ~~and the~~ tomorrow morning, so there is but little time for letter writing this evening before the mail bags are closed. Your letter however is one of such importance that I have put aside my home letters unread, and will try to say in a few moments what is most important. I am very much disappointed to learn that Miss Partridge may not come to me this fall. If she does not come I shall think it is the Lord's will, and trust that in some way He will give us strength + wisdom to keep the work from going backward. But our human wisdom would seem to tell us that ~~that~~ the work will suffer without this hoped for strength. I am sorry that I did not write more about the state of Mr. + Mrs. Clapp's health. They say so little about it themselves — but the fact is if it was not for the condition of the work we would advise their

going sooner than they plan. Mrs. Clapp has very severe night headaches, there will be weeks at a time when she will get up every morning with a severe pain in the back of the head and a benumbed feeling all over. After ~~ster~~ working about for a time the trouble wears off, and the days work is carried on as usual, to be followed by another attack the following night. There are times when she is freer from it than others, but it is liable to come at any time. It has often pained me to see the pained, tired face at breakfast, but she brightens up by school time, and never complains or speaks of her trouble. Mr Clapp's health has suffered but in a different way, and he needs a rest quite as much as does Mrs. Clapp. If they are persuaded to stay a year longer than they plan, I very much fear that it will either mean a break down before the time is up, or that they will never be able to come back again when they do go, and that would be a costly move. You will know before this of the death of Dr. Goldsbury and the crippling of the work in the medical line, perhaps you may not have heard that Mrs. Goldsbury's circumstances (some of which I have not her permission to mention) seem to

make it best for her to return to her home, at least for the present, and she ~~is~~ plans to start in a short time. As a usual thing I would hesitate in advising any one to shorten his or her course of study for mission work, it does not pay for poorly equipped people to undertake such a ~~study~~ work; but I understand that Miss Partridge is in the classical course, and if she comes the coming fall she will have then had a longer course by one year than I had, as I graduated in the Literary course. Then I know Miss Partridge well enough to feel sure that she is better educated than many who have taken the classical degree.

It seems providential that the mail bringing your letter should have come in thus early, making it possible to send a reply at once in out going mail, and I yet cling to the hope that the way may be opened for Miss Partridge to come this fall. We cannot see why it is that while we are calling for helpers we should meet with this loss in Mr & Mrs. Goldsbury, but we must simply trust that God knows best, and pray that He will put it into the hearts of some of His followers to take up the work that they have laid down.

An opening has been made for woman's work

in a village only five li from us. I have been there three times and plan to go again tomorrow. They seem very cordial and though slow to learn are willing to try, and my plan is to visit them once a week until we must go away in the hot weather. We hope that the kindly feeling will continue, and the work may be carried on there next year. It is just such an opening as we have been praying for.

I have written Miss Partridge ~~[illegible]~~ quite a full letter in regard to outfit. One need not bring as much, or provide as much in the line of dressmaking in coming here as in going to some fields of work, so that I think the matter of outfit could be arranged in a comparatively short time, should it be deemed best to reconsider the matter of her coming this year. This is a matter about which I have prayed much, and if it is God's will that I may have this friend soon, I do want her so much. If it is not His will, then I must pray for patience. Mrs. Williams has written to a friend - Miss Marsh - about coming out. She has not received any reply as yet, and we do not know whether this friend will feel called to mission work or not.

Very sincerely yours

Rowena Bird.

Received April 13, 1893

Filed May 31

Tai ku, Shansi China
Sep. 12-1893

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.,

Dear Sir;

It is with great pleasure that we learn from you that Miss Partridge is coming to us this year. Miss Partridge has also written to me about it. We learn that she will have escort as far as Pao-ting-fu, Since that is the case, and she is coming to us alone, it has been decided that I should go to Pao-ting-fu to meet her. I can be spared as easily as any one, though of course my going leaves more work on others here, and in some ways this arrangement will be pleasanter than for one of the gentlemen to escort her in. A litter has already been engaged for me, and I plan to start next Monday Sep. 18- It will be a pleasure to me to meet Miss Partridge and be her escort on the inland journey, and it is probable that the change and the mountain air will be good for me. Two trusty servants,— one an elderly man, the other a good cook, a native of Pao-ting-fu and a Christian, will go with me, so that there will be little care by the way.

Our school has been in

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progress for half a month. Most of the boys are back in their places, and are taking hold of their work with an energy that it is pleasant to see. We are trying to make an advance in our Sabbath School work, and two of the older boys, who are baptized Christians, have taken classes. They come to me on Friday evening for a kind of teacher's class. This plan, if it works, will leave Mrs. Colaff free to go to Che Hang every other week, and teach the women while Mr. Colaff holds a service for men. It will also make it possible, (with Mr. Williams' help in the S.S. on days when Mrs. Colaff is away) for me to take a class of women, and for Mr. Williams to be away on tours part of the time. It is an experiment yet, but promises success at present. In another year Mrs. Atwater and Mrs. Williams will be helping in the S.S. During the summer it was not possible for me to visit the village where I was teaching last spring, but last week I was out there again & was greeted very cordially. One of the old women walked in to see me and attend service, a week ago last Sabbath. Considering her age and small feet it was a long walk for her, and we were very much surprised to see her. I feel sure that opportunities to

teach in other villages will come to us as soon as we are able to take them up. It is a great pleasure to know that Miss Partridge is to be here so soon and begin her preparation for helping to carry on the work.

While we are rejoicing that our call has met with a response, and that one of the three for whom we asked is to be with us soon, we cannot forget how much the other two are needed. Fin-chow fu really needs two young ladies very much indeed. Mr. Price tells me that he would like to turn the school work over to the young ladies as soon as any are ready to take it up, and devote himself more exclusively to evangelistic work. The work among the hospital women is also important, and cannot at present receive the attention that it ought. Mrs. Davis is starting a girls school this fall, and I feel very sorry indeed that she cannot have help in that right away. She has also made a good beginning in village work, and would be excellent help to any young lady wishing to get into that work. Mrs. Davis is a worker, and a woman of beautiful spirit, but she is not very strong physically, and she is liable to over work.

Moreover she is a woman who needs companionship, and their home is separated from the other compound by a mile, and the other ladies with their home cares and far from rugged health cannot get over very often. For the sake then of the women's work, the girl's school, and for the sake of Mrs. Davis herself, that the care and responsibility of this work carried alone, may not break her down, there ought to be one young lady sent to here as soon as possible. This is, I deeply feel, a very urgent need, and I trust that the Board may be able to respond to the call the coming year. In asking for two we are asking only bare necessity. One could not supply all the need (though it would be much better than none) and it would be hard for the Finchu-friends to decide which should have her.

The members of our station are all in usual health, for which blessing I trust we are all most thankful. We feel too that the work is being blessed.

Sincerely yours
Rowena Bird.

Tai Ku, Sept. 12, 1883.
Rec'd Nov. 1.

Tai Ku Shansi China
Apr. 17-1894

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.;

Dear Sir;

Your letter with its New Year's greeting and encouraging words in regard to reinforcements came to hand some two mails or so ago. Had it not been for the Annual Meeting from which we have just returned, I should have written sooner. We shall all be anxious to learn the result of your visit in Oberlin, and to hear certainly whether our Mission is to be enlarged this year. It is with eagerness that we read the first page of the "Herald" each month, and watch for signs of increase in the funds of the Board. Our school has had thirty-one names on the roll, but two have dropped out so we have twenty nine at present. Mr. Atwater is teaching three classes daily, the rest of the teaching devolves upon myself. I very much regret to say that I am not to take an examination on the language this spring. It is a great disappointment to me, as I had hoped to complete the course at this time, but it was impossible to prepare for the examination, and be ready to take the school work successfully. I felt that a failure to grasp the situation now, and make this my first term alone in the school, a thorough success would be fatal to my future usefulness in this line of work, so this spring my best strength & time has been put on the school, and I think rightly so, though I would have

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been so glad to have finished the course of study at the time appointed.

Our last news from Mr. & Mrs. Clapp was that they had reached Pootingfu in safety. By this time they may be upon the broad ocean, and the love of many in this land will follow them, and many prayers are daily raised to our Father that they may in safety reach their desired haven. We miss them much.

Miss Partridge has been with us in Pai ku this winter, but just now is spending a month in Fên-chen-fu. She expects to return before we leave the city for the summer. She hopes to take an examination of her half year's work on the language about the first of June. We are having some very warm weather now for this time of the year, yesterday it was eighty in the house (no fires for some days) We hope this is not an indication as to what the summer season is to be.

Others will write you officially of the Annual Meeting just held in Fên-chen-fu, I will just say here that it was a gathering thoroughly enjoyed by all, and although we of Pai-ku had to go through some trials of weather (cold and wind going down; heat & dust coming back) our stay ~~or~~ was a most pleasant one, and would have been continued a few days longer, had not the <u>work</u> been such as hasten our return to it. The village work is quite

encouraging now. As the warm weather comes on the village women come in larger numbers to the home where I have been making weekly visits. I am sorry that our present accomodations are such that the heat will soon drive us to Li Man, and this village work will be dropped till we are able to return to our work again. We are longing for the time when healthful homes outside of the city walls will enable us to carry on our ~~work~~ work without this yearly interuption of so many weeks. Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Smith.

Yours Sincerely

Rowena Bird.

Tai-ku, Apr. 17, 1894

Filed June 12

Taikw Aug 1- 1891

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Sir;

Your kind letter was received by last mail. Miss Partridge tells me that she has written to you within a few mails, so you will have received here before this. There is no school work to report now, as it is ~~now~~ vacation. We hope to reopen the first of September, or as nearly that date as possible. In the absence of school work I have been able to do a little in the line of station class work though in a small way, as to numbers at least. Before Mr. Clapp left us a man came to us into whose hands had come a Christian book, and who said he had put away his idols and wanted to hear more of the teachings found in the book he had been reading. Mr. Clapp was pleased at the result of a careful talk with him, and the man continued to walk to church (distance five miles) almost every Sunday. In the spring he invited me to go to his house & teach his wife. I went, accompanied by Mr. Lin, and we found so large a crowd that it was hard to do any thing. It was not possible to make many visits, but Mrs. Tung showed a desire

Taikw. Chn. 17, 1891

to learn and her husband's willingness to teach her. Finding that she had studied out the lessons sent her, and knowing that I should not be able to teach her through the summer as we are obliged to leave the hot city for so long. I made arrangements for her to come to Li Man, after we went out there, furnish & cook her own food and study. She came, and has ~~also~~ remained longer than I planned - some seven weeks, and only left us for her home this morning. She has been an apt pupil, has read two primary books, one of them a book of some size, & begun the Gospel of Mark, besides learning a number of hymns - the ten commandments, Lord's prayer, and listening daily to some story in the life of Christ which she would in turn tell over to me. It is impossible for us to read the hearts of those we teach but I hope that her heart responds in a measure to the truths she reads." Mrs. Williams has been doing similar work at Fin O'un with two women who came to study with Mrs. Thompson, and were turned over to her when Mrs. Thompson was called to Fin-Chou-Fu for a time. You have doubtless learned of the illness of ~~Mrs~~ Mr. Williams this summer. Mrs. Williams was obliged to lay aside study and teaching on that account, and it has been a sad interruption to the study & work Mr. Williams himself had planned. Dr. Atwood thought it best for Mr. Williams to go to the river place near Fin-Chou-Fu where Mr. & Mrs. Davis are for the

summer. I myself am in Pái-ku today waiting for Mr. & Mrs. Williams who expect to get in this P.M. and we are to start for Fên-Chou-fu together in the morning if the weather permits. It has rained heavily and the roads are in bad shape, but Dr. Atwood has sent his sedan chair for Mr. Williams, and Mrs. Williams and I are to occupy ~~the same litter~~ a litter together. In this way we hope to manage to cross the inundated places & mud holes, in safety and a degree of comfort. Mr. Williams has been very slow in recovering his strength, but the last few days has improved more rapidly so that we hope he will be able to take the journey without injury.

Fên-Chou-fu Aug. 14 — Our small party reached Fên-Chou-fu in safety though with some delay, something more than a week ago. We found the friends here quite well, and we find it a restful place, and I doubt not shall be better fitted for the work of the fall & winter for the rest and change. The only drawback has been the illness of Mr. Williams, who had a relapse shortly after arriving. He is better again now, but he and Mrs. Williams will hardly be able to return to Pái-ku as soon as it will be necessary for me to do.

I am glad there is a hope of more young ladies ~~coming~~ to us before long. There is one young lady in Oberlin & whom all of us who know her, would like

to see in Shansi — Miss Ida Hicks — She graduated from Oberlin last spring, I think, and would be ready to come soon, but has a wish to study medicine. Her father has charge of the Manual Training School in Oberlin and also holds an important position in the Associated Charities Society of I hope you will be able to meet her when you visit Oberlin, though I am not sure that she will be there next year.

I notice that you ask about the village work. I have been able to go out on Friday afternoons most of the year, and I hope to make a few visits to King Fang the home of my pupil of the summer, this coming fall. It is too soon yet for Miss Partridge to have taken up such work, but I doubt not that she will a little later. With the re-opening of medical work there will without be all the openings time and strength will permit us to follow up Mrs. Atwater and Mrs. Williams will be able to work among hospital patients as soon as there are any — indeed they are able now, and they both have the heart and the will to do it.

Mr. Williams' serious illness makes things seem a little dark now, but we hope that health will be granted to him and his family, and that we may all be privileged to do some work for the Master this coming season

Sincerely yours
Rowena Bird

Taiku, Aug. 1. 1881.
Rec'd Oct. 2

Tai Ku Nov. 21 - 1894

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Sir;

We have not yet been informed of your return to Boston, but know you were expected this fall, and trust that your strength has been sufficiently restored to enable you to continue the work in which you have been so long engaged.

It has been longer than the usual time since writing to you, but circumstances have been such as to lessen my correspondence in all directions for a time.

An illness — probably malaria — obliged me to lay aside my work for about a month, and although the school work together with weekly teaching in one village has been resumed, there are other duties, for which my strength has not yet proved sufficient, but which I hope to take up soon. The school now numbers thirty four — the largest number yet reached. The amount of work done has not been altogether satisfactory on account of much sickness in the school as well as my own absence from it.

The sanitary conditions of our compound as you

Tai-Ku, Aug. 1. 1894.

doubtless know, are not what we could wish, and we have all felt it more keenly than usual this fall on account of the malaria which is worse than usual ~~this~~ every where. It does us good to remember the words of the Prudential Committee as they approved our request for appropriation to build (made nearly two years ago) and to know that they wish to grant the money when the resources of the Board will permit. This is indeed why our needs have not been more urgently pressed upon you — for we could not but know that the financial condition was far from encouraging, and we felt sure that the committee would grant the request as soon as they could. However it may be that facts concerning this need will be useful to you in presenting it to the supporters of the Board. I have no doubt but the sickness in the school — sore throat & fever in some cases, sores & swellings in others, could have largely been prevented if pure air and a place to play could have been given them. The rooms are small, some of them absolutely sunless, and the courts narrow with no play ground. Just now as I write a babel of noise is distracting me because the boys have been permitted to romp a bit in my court — not that it is a good play ground,

(only a paved square and not very large) but because it is large enough to allow of a little roofing which their own will not, then too my court gets at the sun a part of the day, and theirs does not - being so narrow and the walls so high. Mr. Williams's court is no better as to width and sun, his study is damp, and the dining room, having windows only on the north side (it is across the court from the ~~sit~~ sitting room) is sunless the year around. My own rooms I consider as healthful as any there are here, and better than some, yet the court is often filled with such odors from the street, as to make it necessary to leave it entirely until the work of removing the filth is completed. My own recent illness cannot be laid to over work, as I was being specially careful and had no extra cares, and it is impossible to account for the violence of the attack at first, and its severity while it lasted, unless it be by unsanitary conditions. However it is not for myself that I urge removal from the city, but for the little children of our mission, and for the school. It is believed by all that every department of work carried on here could be better pushed if we were in a near village or suburb of the city. It is far from our wish to complain of our accommodations or be discontented with our lot. We feel that the Lord has been with us and that He will

be — that He has kept us and we are still in His hands and therefore cannot be unhappy, still you will not wonder that we long to be settled in something that will seem like a permanent home In the station, expand a little in school, medical, station class and village work; and breath something better than the tainted air of the city.

It is mailing day and I therefore must not write longer. This is our long term of school and at the its close I hope to report progress. We trust that as heavier frosts come the health of the school will be better, and the work less interrupted.

Most sincerely yours
Rowena Bird.

Pai Ku, Nov. 21. 1874
Rec'd Jan. 14.

Pai An Shansi Feb. 1-1885

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Sir;

It is now vacation in the school and the long term is finished, and time permits me to make some kind of a report of the term. There were thirty five names on the roll, but only thirty two present at the ~~same~~ one time. The attendance has been quite ~~good~~ regular. I was myself absent from the school a month on account of illness, but have been as well as usual or nearly so since. Miss Partridge took two classes in November and I think has enjoyed it. Mr. Atwater has taught classes the same as the previous term. Most of the boys expect to be back next term, and there have been applications for one or two new boys, so I do not think there will be any falling off next term. The war does not seem to have affected the school or the other work. We cannot see but the people are just as friendly as they ever were. We are sometimes asked if our country is near Japan, or if America has any thing to do with the war, but in most cases they are perfectly satisfied with the answers we are able to give them. Our Christmas exercises in the

Pai Ku, Nov. 21. 1884.

school were quite enjoyable and the boys had a happy time. There was less going home for past days than we have sometimes had for which we are glad.

For more than a ~~week~~ month past we have had a station class of three women — two of them church members i.e. one has been a member for some time, and the other was received while they were here. She is a daughter-in-law of our teacher Lin, and we are so pleased with her. At the time the women were here there was no one person who could give a great deal of time to them so it was divided between us. Mrs. Williams Miss Atwater and myself each spending some time with them each day. We are very much hoping that Mr. & Mrs. Clapp are coming back to us next Fall, but they have not said so definitely in their letters to us. I hope we shall hear soon. The Chinese Christians and the school boys speak of them so often, and in school prayers, and weekly prayermeeting they often pray that they may come back soon. They will receive a royal welcome from the Chinese when they return. I need not speak of the missionaries themselves, who so often wish for the advice and the help that we are sure the Clapps could give.

I feel that in the school we have always lacked something since Mrs. Clapp left, and will lack it till she returns. I should feel so relieved and

happy if I knew surely that Mr. Clapp would be with us next fall. I hope we shall soon hear certainly that they are coming next fall.

Miss Partridge has gone to Fon-du-lac for a visit, I think she plans to write to you soon. We planned to alternate in our writing to you, but I think it is nearly two month since writing last, and as she is away I do not know just what her plan is.

We are watching the reports in first page of the Missionary Herald with anxiety, and are hoping for the advance that Mr. Clapp so confidently expected after attending the Madison meeting! We felt ~~encou~~ encouraged on reading Mr. Clapps letter to hope that ~~that we~~ we might receive the appropriation for building before many months and pray that it may be so.

Sincerely yours

Rosena Bird.

Tai Ku, Feb. 1. 1895.

Rec'd Apr. 8.

Lai Man Chuang June 1- 1895-

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Sir;

Vacation has come again in the school, the boys are scattered to their various homes and we are well settled for the summer. The ne- ot very uncomfortable at the time of closin we were very sorry not to be able to keep for month, but other circumstances forbad, an now is warming up after its customary fashion.

There have been thirty five in school the past term, and thirty four in actual attendance at one time. ~~The teachers have been the same as last term, and the work much the same.~~ In comparing with the Peng-Chu high school course I find that we have one class that have had more Bible work and more Chinese Classics than called for in that course but they are back in Mathematics, ~~Chem.~~ Phys. Geog, and History. Another class could well be ranked as half through the high school course.

We have come to the time now when it is hard to hold the older boys. They are now past the age when usually put into business, and their parents (not Christian) are looking for some promise from us as to the future, ~~and~~ It is

Lai Kuo, Feb. 1. 1895.

a question in the minds of many how much of an inducement in the form of promising employment as helpers can ~~be~~ safely be offered them, or how much of present support ought to be given.

"One of our older boys, and one who seemed of great promise has left us. He was taken home & obliged by his parents to worship at the funeral of his grand mother, and then his father lost his place, and in anger took the boy out of school and put him in a shop. It is supposed he was made to worship the ~~dead~~ deity of the shop before being entered as clerk. I cannot but hope that we may get hold of the boy again, and that he may learn lessons in the bitter school of experience that will be helpful to him.

"Here at Lai Mow a place has been rented for a hospital court, and a few in patients are being treated so that we have some regular woman's work. Miss Partridge and Mrs. Williams are both engaged in teaching these women. There is prospect of quite a number of women being taken as opium patients before many days, and they are to receive instruction while taking the treatment. It will be something of an experiment to teach them while they are breaking off the habit; and there may be days when they will be able to do little, but there ought to be some time of compar-

already little suffering when they will be able to study, or at least to listen. It is probable that the latter part of the summer I shall go to Fen-chow-fu for a month's rest that I may be in better trim for the fall's work. We are eagerly expecting the return of Mr. & Mrs. Clapp, and trust that nothing will hinder our seeing them early in the fall. We all feel that the work needs them much. The question of our moving out of the city in the fall is not yet settled. The right place does not prove easy to find. We feel that Mr. & Mrs. Clapp will be much affected by the change, and very much want their advice, yet if we move we ought to do so early in the fall, and have some place for them to live in. There are also so many questions involved in a change that is to be temporary, and to places not altogether convenient for the work, that the problem becomes a dificult one.

We are distressed to note that the contributions are still falling off. We were confident that there would be a change before this, for the work in many missions must suffer seriously.

Sincerely yours
Rowena Bird.

Li Man, June 1-1895
Filed Aug. 3

Jen Tsiun July 2-1896

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Sir;

Another term of school has closed and Mr. & Mrs. Clapp and myself are at Jen Tsiun occupying rooms that Mr. Davis kindly put in order for us. We were able to hold school later than last year for which I was glad, and our boys remained in school up to the last day with but one or two exceptions. The teaching has been divided between Mrs. Clapp and myself, and a large part of the responsibility is naturally taken by Mrs. C. which has made the year's work much easier for me, so that the spring found me not nearly so tired as last year. My work in the village just west of the city has been discontinued on account of the death of the dear old lady I used to go to teach, but work has opened in a village that fifteen "li" from Tai-ku which is very encouraging indeed. While in the city, Friday was the day chosen to

Jen Tsiun, July 2-1896

visit this village, and it could be done in the afternoon, after the morning's teaching was done. Here I am not particularly needed on Sunday so I shall try to go Sundays and take most of the day for it, as the distance is thirty "li."

This place, Tsung Tang, has regular preaching service every Sunday for the men but the women do not attend. Mr. Li to whose house I go was treated for the opium habit by Mr. Clapp, last year, and has been received as a catechumen this year. His wife and two daughters (10 + 13 years) all study out the lesson during the week, and the oldest daughter has taken up reading wonderfully well, and seems much interested in it. This spring we have added another branch to our work which we have long desired, but could not see our way to open, and that is opium refuge work for women. By limiting the school somewhat, a small court has been set apart for this work and this spring five women were treated, two from Tsung Tang and three from Chiê Wang. ~~on~~ Mr. Clapp has had charge of the treatment, and the ladies of the compound of the instruction of the women. Some have not been anxious to learn, at least to exert

them selves in the matter, but one woman particular in was very bright about understanding, and eager to learn. She understood and remembered the sermons she heard in the chapel as well as the daily teaching and I have much hope that some of it has got into her heart.

Mr. & Mrs Williams are in Li Man this summer, and I hear that Mrs Williams has taken charge of morning prayers in the women's court and with the help of her woman, who is a Christian, is teaching the women daily. Miss Partridge expects to go to Fin-chow fu for the summer. She has been largely engaged in village work this ~~summer~~ year which I presume she has reported to you.

Today Mr. & Mrs. Clapp have gone to Ché Nang. Mrs C. hopes to go every week to teach the women there.

The village work as well as the school work is calling for enlargement, and opportunities for work are increasing, so that we are more too many to carry on that which has been begun.

As you know permission has been granted me to return to the home land next spring, however the work is ~~so~~ needy and my health rather better so that I have decided to stay anoth year if the circumstances at home are such

that I can. My mother has made no objection to my remaining another year, but I have recently received a letter from a ~~so~~ sister-in-law in Evanston saying that mother was very frail though other wise well, and she thought I would do well ~~to go home~~ not to delay my going home. Upon receiving this I wrote to the brother near whom mother lives, asking him to tell me plainly the condition of things and asking his advise. I hardly think that I shall need to go in the spring (when Mr & Mrs. Davis go) as the first plan was, but shall be able to finish that term of teaching and go in the fall, provided I cannot stay till the next spring. My mother is well situated for the present, if her health does not fail entirely, so that she will need a daughter's constant care; and my brother is doing for her all that he can, but it is probable that before many years she will need such care, and when that time comes my sister-in-law cannot be asked to give it. I write thus plainly because it may be that I shall not be able to return to China with one year's vacation, ~~in~~ as on all other accounts I should most earnestly hope to do.

Is it quite impossible to send some one who can help Mrs Calaph in the school during my

absence! Even if I am able to stay till the spring of '98 and return after one year's rest, we shall need help very much. I don't see how Mrs. Clapp can possibly carry the school work alone, and ought Miss Partridge to be asked to give up the village work she is working into so nicely to help in the school? I am sure that that cannot be done, and all feel that she is particularly fitted for that branch of work

If just the right one for the school could be sent to us at once we would be so thankful.

Sincerely yours

Rowena Bird.

Jen Tann, July 2. 1896

Recd Aug. 19

Tai-ku, Shensi China
Dec. 11-1896-

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Sir,

You have heard long since of the sudden death of Mrs. Atwater. Something more than a month ago I went to Tai-chou-fu to be with her at this time, but little thought of the days of care and anxiety and the sad sad end that were to follow. Yesterday I reached Tai ku again very tired in mind and body, but trust a few days rest will enable me to go on with the work. It is hard to see four little children left motherless in this far off land, and I long to see them safely on the other side of the ocean. The journey will be ~~very~~ hard for a very little baby I fear, yet the heat of next summer might be worse for her, and the only thing seems to be to get them home as early in the spring as it is safe for the little one to cross the mountains. The necessity of taking this little family home in the spring settles the question of my return to the home land. Mr. Atwater cannot

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possibly take them home alone, even with the help of Mr. & Mrs. Davis who have two little ones of their own. Little Celia owing to her long and severe illness of last winter neither walks nor talks yet, though she is eighteen months old, and must still be fed prepared food. The little baby, but twelve days old when her mother left us, will be but four months old at time of starting, and will need a woman's constant care. The question of my return has been a vexed one and it has been hard to know just where my duty lay, but I had decided to stay till the school year closed, then make my preparations and go in the early fall. Now there is no question as to what ought to be done, and each member of the mission felt from the first that this was the only feasable plan. Without the Davis family it would be a question whether I could make the overland journey with Mr. Atwater and the little ones with propriety, but in their company it can be nicely managed. The two older children (five and seven years old) are well trained and will be as little trouble as children of that age could be. Mr Atwater bears the loss very bravely

but not without great suffering The little children have been so taught of heaven and were told of their mothers death by their father in such a beautiful way, that they have experienced no shock, no deep grief but have taken it with the simple "Child's Faith" O! that we might be as little children, that we might more quickly "know the mystery of the kingdom of heaven" and enter therein.

This breaking up of the little home and the return of so many of us the coming year brings our mission again to a critical point I trust that some of those who went home last year may soon return but even then it will be impossible to keep up the work in Tai ku at least as it is now, and other stations will suffer greatly if ~~the~~ the Thompsons and Prices cannot soon return. I don't know what is going to be done with the the school Mrs. Clapp feels very despondent about it There is full work for both of us with that and the women in the opium refuge and the outside calls that must be answered or the work suffer

Mrs. Clapp cannot carry the burden of it alone, and she has taught so many years that she feels she can hardly keep on many more. If possible I shall return after a year's vacation, and if not will return as soon as the way is open for me to do so, but the feeble health of my mother (nearly seventy) makes it impossible to make definite plans. Is it still impossible to send a young lady here to take my place? We cannot ~~think~~ bear to think of discontinuing the school, yet how can it be carried on unless more help comes? The work is growing now, ~~also~~ new villages are opening, more men and more women are applying to be taken into the refuges them can possibly be accomodated and the school could double its numbers if we could provide for that number. So it is also in other stations ~~also~~ and our workers are taken away one by one. We do not think the Lord is deserting His work, but He is testing our faith. Pray for the little band here, that their faith fail not.

Most sincerely yours,
Rowena Bird.

Rec'd Feb. 20-94

Tai-ku Shansi China
March. 16 - 1897

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Sir,

Only a few more days and I shall be bidding our Tai-ku friends farewell and starting upon the homeward journey. The past few weeks have been such busy ones that there has been but little time for letter writing, and I fear I may not take much time this morning. I am sorry to leave the friends and the work and trust that the way will be opened for me to return in due time. I cannot feel that I have done all I might, but I can never regret what I have been permitted to do, and I have learned to love many of the people very much. I am doubly sorry to leave Mrs. Blapp with the work of two on her hands, for she is not as strong as in younger days, and feels the burden of overwork. It may be that next Fall Mr. Williams will be able to take some classes, but circumstances are such that he cannot this term. The school will probably not be as large this year, for some of the old boys are not returning, and new ones are not being admitted on account of lack of funds, and lack of teachers.

Last Sat. I made my last visit at Tien Tang where I have been teaching for a year past. Miss Partridge met me there, coming from Fen Tsin, and returned to Taiku with me. On the way home we called at the village between Taiku and Tien Tang and were cordially invited to come again. Miss Partridge is going to try to add Tien Tang to her already large list of villages, and carry on the work begun there. This year we have several women from there in the opium refuge and it is hoped that we may keep some hold on them after they return to their homes. Some of those who were treated last year and met us on Sat. at the home of Mr. Li, are looking very well. Miss Partridge will be more than busy now for she must have charge of the girls' school at Fen Tsin till Mrs. Thompson's return and she does not wish to drop her village work in the mean time. She has been the only one thus far (of the ladies) free to go to Li'man for regular work among the patients. She has been very faithful in that work, though it is 35 li from Fen Tsin and she has been obliged to spend a night there each time. Often she has gone Sat. and spent Sab. Her teaching has not been confined to the hospital, but she has visited homes in the village

and taught regularly in them. She may have to give up the Liman work ~~up~~ for a time, though she has been much interested in it, for the ~~case of the~~ school without proper teacher or matron must be looked after closely and take much time, and Mrs Lin the wife of the helper at Liman is doing very good work with the women there. Mrs. Williams was able to do daily work with the hospital women last summer and succeeded wonderfully I think in getting the women to study themselves. Mr. Williams who visits Liman regularly every week reports that there are many patients both in the opium refuge and hospital proper. He is interested in following up those he becomes acquainted with in his weekly visits, and not long ago visited several villages for that purpose but ~~his~~ he is not able to do as much of this as he wishes. The opium refuge work goes on in Taiken also, and the station class held ~~during~~ after the Chinese New Year was encouraging work. I realize as I leave the work here that there is much, <u>much</u> to be done, that those engaged in the work are faithful workers and doing what they can, but are so cramped by lack of funds as well as overcrowded with work as to make it very hard for them to be

brave in the face of it all.

We shall be on the road before the next mail goes out so that I shall not be writing from Shensi again for some time. My address hereafter will be N. Greenfield Ohio. though I may be in Oberlin part of the time

Most sincerely yours
Rowena Reid

Oberlin Nov. 16
Recd. Nov. 17
1891

Miss Rowena Bird 327

N. Greenfield Wis.
June 14-1897

Dr. Judson Smith D.D. Rec'd June 18

Dear Sir:

After a most
pleasant journey, though some
days, I have again reached
my home in safety, and much
thanksgiving for kind protection
on the way. I reached Vancouver
on June 9- and continued my
journey the same day by train
by breaking it at Minneapolis
where I spent a most pleasant
Sunday. My own home was
reached last eve. and I find the
home friends all in good health.

Most sincerely yours
Rowena Bird.

Vancouver, Wash. June 16-1897
Rec'd June 17

Room 603; 59 Dearborn St. Chicago
Sep. 29 - 1897.

Dear Dr. Smith;

Yours of Sep. 23 - is at hand. I will gladly give you what information I can in regard to the Mission but am doubtful in some points. You mentioned a blank which you wished me to fill out, but no blank was enclosed. I am sorry I cannot tell you how many were added to the church. Ten members were admitted to Yü-kiu church the Sabbath before I came away, and the Fên-chu-fu church received something over that number about the same time but that would be reported in the present year I suppose. I think the additions were not so large last year. Our church now numbers about thirty and the Fenchow fu church nearly that. Yaiku has four (4) out stations with regular Sabbath services. I think Fên-chu-fu has two (2) boarding schools - two for boys - one for girls, boys schools from 25 to 30 pupils girls about 10. We have some 6 native preachers & teachers (not ordained) and one woman,

wife of a native helper, who is engaged in regular work among the hospital women. There are four opium refuges three of which have a department for women. Native contributions are about the same as last year.

I noticed in last years report mention of a station class for women in Taiku "the first in the history of the mission." We have had station classes for women in Taiku for about eight years, but last year marked the opening of the opium refuge for women and we had our first class of opium refuge women that spring. That work has gone on and increased and much seed sowing has been made possible through this work. The villages are opening on every hand as never before and there is a new spirit of inquiry throughout the country. Miss Partridge has pushed the village work among the women and held regular classes in many homes. If there is any other information that I can give I shall be very glad to do so. My address will be Chicago for some weeks as I am engaged in work among

the churches and Woman's Societies for the present

Most cordially yours
Rowena Bird.

Mpls. 2-9-1917 Chicago.

Receipt Dept. 1

North Greenfield Wis
Dec. 22-1897

Dear Dr. Smith;

Sometime ago I wrote you in regard to the building appropriation asked for Fai-Ku, and your reply to the effect that there was no item for young ladies' house in the request was received some time ago. There is no doubt about that item being included in some way in the request for the committee in drafting the resolutions conferred with the young ladies about it, but I remember now what had slipped my mind at the time I wrote, that it was designated as house for teachers or something of that kind. I would be very grateful if you will kindly send me a copy of the resolutions sent from the last Mission meeting of the Mission. Mr. Davis has kindly offered to help me, and I am sure that with his help I can find the figures that the W.B.M. I wish. I have just received letters from Mrs. Clapp and

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Mrs. Williams that make me feel very sad. I do not believe the people at home know what streighted people there are in, and what they are suffering for lack of buildings. They are patient, and feeling that the Board would grant what they could, when they ~~they~~ could have not pushed their case as many missions have and as perhaps they ought, and now it has come to pretty hard times with them. When Mrs. Williams wrote they had good prospect of getting the strip of land they have always wanted just east of the city and could begin building if the funds were at hand. Mrs. Williams also writes that an examination has been made of a crack in the back wall of the chamber that used to be my bedroom but now is a part of the Williams home, and it was pronounced unsafe. It was said that it might be all right during the winter, but would be dangerous when spring came. That means that the wall is likely to fall, and that would of course endanger the whole place the Williams family occupy. Dr. Noble told me last spring of Padding for that they had needed the building appropriation for which they had asked so much that they had just plainly said they could not stay there unless they got it. I did not doubt him. They had no home for the new man they were expecting, and they needed the money

and I was so glad to know that they got it, but I could not help wondering what the good Missionary Dr would have said of needs, if he could have seen the conditions against which our little mission were struggling, with no place in the compound he would have pronounced fit to live in, and the growing work crowding the missionaries into still smaller quarters. Those commodious and comfortable buildings ~~buildings~~ at Paotingfu and other stations did my very eys good. The cheering words of the Friends there also did us good, for they hoped that the cablegram permitting them to build meant some increase in the funds of the Board enabling you to grant our request also, and I am sure they were sadly disappointed as we were when they found it was not so.

The question of renting other buildings has been thoroughly gone into and proved to be pure waste of money. Much has been spent for that way in the past for which there is nothing to show now. Places were found little if any better than ours but large enough to accomodate a part of the work and it was decided to rent, in consideration of the exigency as a temporary relief from the pressure that was getting too much for us, but when the attempt was made, they could not be rented. Place after place was worked for by Mr. Calaph,

Mr. Williams and Mr. Atwater, and all failed. It was thought at one time by some that there were places in Li Man, one in particular, that could be rented at a reasonable figure. The members of the Taiku Station were opposed to going there as it would be such a serious detriment to the work to leave that which had been gathered after so many years of toil, and go to a place at one side of the plain where there has never been any response to the efforts expended on it. The question was thoroughly discussed at Mission meeting held at Jen Tsien in '96 (while Mr. Calaff was in America) and decided unanimously in favor of sustaining the station at Taiku, and a resolution was passed urging the Station to procure places just outside the city as soon as possible, and the request for building appropriation was renewed. A little later it was discovered that the offer made by the Li Man landlord extended to a few disconnected rooms near the gate and not the whole place as had been supposed, and the price he asked for the whole place would almost build a reasonable sized one. The house Dr. Hall occupies is supposed to have a great and mysterious serpent in one of the wells and could not be rented to a Chinese family because of the superstitious fear of this serpent

and Dr. Hall is now told on every side that that is the only reason we ever secured the place at so reasonable a rent. The other places Dr. Hall has rented for his hospital are disconnected but will do fairly well for the patients until we can build. I think Dr. Hall is satisfied with them for the present – they are places in which we have camped for two month or more during the summer heat but as homes, are suitable for no other time of the year.

I have gone somewhat into detail about the situation in Taiku because of what was written from the Mission expressing astonishment and perplexity at the condition attached to the grant for purchase of land – "If the Mission consider it best to continue Taiku as a station" – and their desire that I might see the committee personally and talk over matters with them. If there is any one who does not think the continuation of the station best, and a thing long ago settled we do not know who it is. Miss Partridge moved to Fen Tsiun last year after the Thompsons left and shared the place with the Davis family; now that they are in America and Mr. Thompson goes back alone, she of course cannot stay there and has found a temporary place in Li Man tage enough

for herself She ought to have a place where she can hold station classes and that would be a home for the woman's work. I shall have to be near the school if I take up my old work, and I have been thinking that it would be pretty hard to be obliged to crowd myself into that compound again where the little room there is, is ~~s mu~~ so much needed, but now that I hear the walls of my former home are falling, how can I go until some of our people can build? Do you think it really impossible to cable them to build at least one house now? Will not the people support it when they see the desperate need? Mr. Williams could begin to build early in the spring, camp in temporary quarters during the summer with prospect of getting into comfortable house in the fall and so get out of those dangerous buildings before they fall.
The Taiku friends have held things together with wonderful patience and persistance, willing to sacrifice themselves for the good of the cause - but they are nearly losing heart and I am convinced that great harm will be done to the work if they are not soon helped. I fear harm has already been done to health I wish I might do as our Taiku friends suggested and talk over the matter personally with you My Mother and I are

talking of going to Florida before the winter is out and perhaps I can get to Boston at that time but I wish I might hear before that time that part at least of the appropriation has been granted. &

Most sincerely yours

Rowena Bird.

~~On herself~~

Thos. Greenfield, Dec. 22, 1894.
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North Springfield Vt.
March 5- 1898

Dear Dr. Barton;

A letter is at hand
rom Miss Wingate in which she
aises a question as to the ad-
isability of my returning to Taiku
n the present condition of affairs
mes. She says she has written
you in regard to my working
temporarily in connection with
some station of the North
China Mission, and so I write
you in regard to it. I will
also write at once to Miss Wingate.
r letter is in reply to one I
rote her from Florida telling of

Rec. Greenfield, Dec. 22, 1897.

Mrs. Williams's recent letter on the needs, and asking what they thought of my going back to such houses.
My desire is, especially after further consideration, to return to Tai-ku. Mrs. O'Laffe is over worked in my absence and it will not be as hard for two, as for one doing the work of two. I should not like to think of living always in our present quarters, but I trust a step has been taken towards new buildings, and when a start is once made we may hope for more in time. Personally I should not suffer in Tai-ku courts as much as Mrs. Williams, for her little child keep her closely confined at home while my work calls me out somewhat. However

if it is not thought best for
me to live in Tai-Ku there
are other stations of our own
mission where arrangements
would doubtless be made for me.
My judgement is that it is
best for me to return as ex-
pected and let the Mission
here decide about the exact
place where I shall live. Miss
Cartridge has been obliged to
get out of the city and it
may be best for me to, indeed
we all want to get out as soon
as possible
I appreciate the kind thought
of the ladies for my safety
and comfort, I think there
ought to be new homes for us
all that were possible, but I
dread to wait here for them
would be clear loss. I
do not wish to be strong headed

not to run into danger
but I hope the Board will
not think it necessary for
me to stay away from
the work.

Most sincerely yours
Roxene Bird

C. H. D.
Rec'd.
Ans'd.

Jacksonville Fla
March 21-1898

Dear Dr. Strong:

Recent mails from
Ihansi bring very distressing
ews in regard to the needs
n Vai Ku and urgent appeals
me to do something to help
wome homes for them.
Many letters have been written
n the last few years about the
ud, so that you know something
f the condition, but now the
ase has become desperate.
ld walls are cracking so that
oms in use when the last
ters were written, were to be

early in the spring to avoid the falling of unsafe walls and they cannot go back again. They can camp during the summer but do not know what to do after that. I fear Mrs. Williams would not live through another year if in the present compound. The land is bought, and for a ~~sm~~ small part of the money ($100.00) sent for that purpose; and there is $400.00 which has been in the possession of the station some time for building purposes which will wall it in and more. This will leave quite a little towards building one house, and a little aid more, would enable them to build this house. This would

given up before the spring
terms began, which would be
about this time. The rooms
occupied can never be used
again, yet I am expecting to go
back with no place to go to.
The work at Taikw is growing as
fast as before, but it must be broken
up & the workers scattered unless
something is done soon. Our
missionaries have clung to their
work there, breathing the vile air
of the crowded courts & filthy
streets till I fear serious ~~ev~~
injury has been done to life.
Mrs. Williams who is more
closely confined to the compound
by her little children, and so
the worst sufferer, has been
failing for the past year, and
recent letters from Mrs. Blackburn
trouble me very much. They
must get away from the city

& build their houses on the

station, and possibly save the life of his wife. This would be a temporary relief to the situation. Mr. & Mrs. Clapp and I could still live in the old compound another year, though I will not say in comfort or safety, but with Mrs. Williams I believe it is a case of life and death. If this one house is to be built this summer, word must be sent by Cable, and I cannot but hope that it will be possible for the committee to do this. I hope to be in Boston in a few days — the last of this week or first of next, and I should be glad to meet some members of the committee and talk with them [illegible]

ver the Sabbath, and shall
purchase my outfit for return-
ing to Shansi if it seems best.
have already written to Mr.
Swift about a boarding place.
In a few days

Most sincerely yours
Raven S Bird

My address for a few days
will be 55 Lincoln St.
Norwich Conn.

Should be glad to connect since members of the committee
understand

Miss Romena Bird
Jacksonville. Fla.,
Mch 21. 1898.

North Greenfield Wis
June 4 - 1888

Rev. C. H. Daniels;
1 Somerset St. Boston;

Dear Dr. Daniels;

Yours of June 1st is at hand. I have written nothing about arrangements because I have been awaiting the plans of Mr. and Mrs. Davis. As they and Mrs. Thompson are expecting to return this fall and will go all the way into Persia, it will be best for me to go with them, but I very much hope it can be arranged so that Miss Morrell will be of the party. Mrs. Davis wrote me a number of days ago that they had thought of sailing from San Francisco on Sep. 3 - but Mr. Davis was writing to the Board to ask if they would advise a change of line on account of the war. She was to let me know as soon as they had further information, but I have heard nothing since, though I have been expecting word every day. I am wondering if the Mycoff sisters will not be returning at this time.

Most sincerely yours
Rowena Bird

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North Greenfield Wis.
Aug. 29-1898

Dear Dr. Smith;

Your kind letter is at hand. I am very glad that you could have a good conference with two of our workers, and be able to see as much of other fields as you did. We all wish you might visit us in the far away interior work some time, and were disappointed that it could not be this year.

I plan to leave home one week from today, and meet Mrs. Thompson the following day in St. Paul and continue the journey with her. We are to have quite a party of American Board missionaries to North China which will make it very pleasant indeed.

I will drop you a line before leaving Vancouver and advise you of my arrival in China.

If you need to confer with my home friends about any matter while I am gone will you please write to Mr. G. F. Bird, North Greenfield Wis. My mother, Mrs. S. B. Bird, also lives in the same place, but she is growing old, writes but little now,

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and it would be best to address almost any communication to my brother instead.

Please remember me most kindly to Mrs. Smith. I enjoyed my visit with her last spring so much.

With kindest regards I am

Most sincerely yours

Rosvena Bird.

North Greenfield, Aug. 29
Recd Sept. 1-1898

Tientsin Oct. 11-1878.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Sir.

Our little party consisting of Dr. Ament, Miss Morrill, Mrs. Thompson and myself reached Tientsin on Friday Oct. 7. The rest of our party — the Misses Wyckoff Miss Chapin and Miss Patterson are to come on from Shanghai in a few days. We feel that we have received many journeying mercies, and are thankful to be safely this side of the seas once more. Mr. Thompson was here to meet us as expected and we hoped to be on the river by this time, but have met with a delay. One of the ladies of the English Baptist Mission wishes to go in with us, but has not come over from Chifu yet. We expect her by first boat, but cannot be quite sure when that may be. Then I saw we could not, on this account, get away before Tuesday (today) I decided to accept the urgent invitation of Mrs. Sheffield and Miss Evans to call at Tung Chow. There was just time to do so by going with Dr. Ament to Peking by train early Saturday morning, that is, the first day after arriving there. Possibly you will remember that one of our Tai Ku school boys is now a student in Tung Chow college. This lad met me at the Peking station and escorted me to Tung Chow after I had had dinner and a pleasant chat with our Peking friends. The Sabbath at Tung Chow was a most delightful one as you can imagine. Many of the

students remembered me, for I was there a few days before going home last year, and our dear missionary friends were as delightful as ever. I returned on Monday (yesterday) hoping we should be able to start on our journey today, but found there was likely to be a further delay of two or three days for Mrs. Sewerby. It has however been decided that Miss Morrill and I go on to Paotingfu at once, and trust the Thompsons will be able to follow soon. We each have a trusty servant, and a graduate of the College who is to help us in the Tai Ku school will go with us, so we shall be quite safe. It was not thought wise for Miss Morrill to go alone, and the expense would be less for us to go together than for me to wait and go on another boat in company with the Thompsons, so my waiting will be divided between this place and Paotingfu. I am very sorry the Thompsons are obliged to wait these pleasant days, for we are likely to meet some cool weather in the mountains that will be trying for the babies, but we trust it will prove to have been the best thing.

On reaching Tai Ku I shall write again and inform you of our safe arrival.

Please remember me most kindly to Mrs. Smith.

Most sincerely yours

Rowena Bird.

Tai-Ku November 11-1888

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Sir;

It gives me great pleasure to be able to write you that I am once more in Tai Ku and at work. Mr. & Mrs. Clapp and a number of our people met me at Jen Tsun and escorted me to Tai Ku which place I reached Wed. Nov. 2.

Our inland journey was as a whole very pleasant—much pleasanter in fact than our coastward journey last spring, and I think both Mrs. Thompson and myself were very glad to be home again in this land of our adoption. From Tientsin to Paotingfu I traveled in company with Miss Morrill whom I enjoyed very much indeed, and we both found the river journey restful.

The necessety of delaying at Tientsin a few days for Mrs. Sowerby of the English Baptist Mission, who wished to travel with us, gave me an opportunity to go to Tung Chu and spend the Sabbath which I enjoyed greatly. One of our Tai Ku boys—an old pupil of mine is still studying there, and I was glad to note the developement and improvement which has taken place since I last saw him. We brought inland with us

a recent graduate of Tsing Cho to help in our Tai-Ku school, and I am glad to report that he has taken hold of the work as though he understood it – is modest and unassuming and has won the respect of the boys.

The Tai-Ku friends are well, though overworked to some extent. We met Dr. & Mrs. Hall on the way coastward for a health change. Dr. looked much better than we expected and seemed in good spirits. Miss Partridge had a very severe cold when I came, but she is much better now. Last eve. shortly after Miss Partridge had come in from Li Wan we received the most sad and startling news of the sudden death by accident of Miss Brown (English) of Shen Yang. We had seen her bright earnest face but a few days before, and could hardly believe that she was gone. Mr. & Mrs. Clapp and Miss Partridge have gone today to Tai-Yuen-Fu to attend her funeral. She is one who will be sadly missed and seemed to be much needed.

Mr. & Mrs Williams and I are in the city looking after the work in the absence of the others. Mr. W. is moving to the South Suburb and will be settled there in a few days. All join in regards to yourself and Mrs. Smith.

Most sincerely yours

Rowena Bird.

Notes on Conveyance of Land
Sarieff
Nov. 11, 1895
Recd Jan. 4, 1899

Tai-Ku Shansi
Jan. 31-1899

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Mrs. Lewis Smith
Tai-Ku
Mar. 11 1898

Miss Romana [illegible]
Taiku, Nov. 11. 1898
Rec'd Jan. 4, 1899

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Jan. 31-1899

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
Rec'd Mar. 11 1899

The city has been in a worse condition than usual this year, owing to the late fall rains and no snow through the winter, and there has been a good deal of sickness in the school. As to myself I seem to have lost much that I gained in my home vacation, which I doubt not is owing to the bad air and confinement in close quarters — still it is not of this I wish to write today.

We have a new teacher for the school, Mr. Fei, a graduate of Ting chu, a well trained man, and a man of strong christian character. He gets good work out of the boys, and is doing for them in many ways what we could not do before. What we call the "foreign work" is divided between Mr. Fei and myself in the forenoon, and in the afternoon he teaches the Chinese classics, writing, singing &c. We already have boys doing academic work, and another class of five or six bright boys, will be ready for the first academy year in the fall. Mr. Fei is looking towards the building up of an Academy here, and has interested the older boys in it, all of which is en-

couraging. However there are some things not encouraging also to be reported. A good many new things have been introduced this term — all good — but new; the teacher is young, and our evangelist (Mr Lin formally in the school) though a consecrated, earnest man, is not quite broad enough to recognize the superiority of a younger, better trained man. This would not matter so much if all departments of the work were not so crowded together, but as it is Mr. Fei cannot punish a boy in the school room without Mr. Lin hearing in his, and disapproving although he knows not the reason. If a pupil is dissatisfied about anything he can make his complaint to the men in the training class, or the opium patients, or the house servants; and if any of these people are displeased with any of the new things introduced, they discuss the matter with the boys, and their spirit of obedience is not thereby improved; or they take occasion to tell the teacher how young he is, and what he ought to do or not to do. So it comes about that although Mr. Fei has done

fine work and shown a good spirit, his path has been far from easy, and being away from home for the first time has found it hard to fight off homesickness and discouragement. The success of the school seems to us all to depend largely on our being able to keep Mr. Lin or some one like him, and we all feel very doubtful about being able to do so, unless we can separate the work and put the school on an independent basis as it is in other places. We trust that in time Mr. Lin will take the position in regard to the school and its teacher that he ought, but he will do it more easily if not too near the school.

If we should lose our new teacher we could not put Mr. Lin back into the school, because he is needed in the evangelistic work, and does grandly in that, whereas he is in no sense trained for school work, and can only teach the classics. It seems to us there is great danger of the school suffering serious loss if it is not broken up entirely, unless we can move it out

to the new land, and give it a place of its own, where it can in a sense be independent.

It is not often that I write so much of the discouragements of the work. There have been times when Mr. & Mrs. Clapp and myself have found the task of trying to straighten out the tangled threads, reprove, encourage, explain, or advise harder and more nerve tiring than the work, still there would be no need of writing it unless so doing might help to bring the cure. We have the land and Mr. Clapp thinks five hundred dollars ($500.00) would put up a school room and what sleeping rooms for teacher and pupils would be absolutely needed now with the present number of pupils, and six hundred dollars would surely do it. It could be so built as to be added to later.

Mrs. Williams and I visited the land yesterday, and she showed me where the school was to be. I remembered that I have about six hundred dollars of my own in North Greenfield, and if it was only where I could get hold of it, the building should go up at once, but it is in a house that cannot

Miss Rowena Bird,
Tacoma, Jan. 31, 1899.
Rec'd Apr. 12,
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now be sold and the money cannot be raised on it on short notice. Mrs. Williams talks of our enjoying her new house next year while she is at home, and we would be glad enough to move out there but how can we unless we can take some of our work with us? We hardly see how we are to make use of the house without a school, and we need a room for chapel also very much. If we could only get word this spring of an additional appropriation sufficient for the school building it would be such a relief and encouragement. Without it I do not know what we shall do.

Please remember me most cordially to Mrs. Smith.

Most sincerely yours
Rowena Bird.

Tai Ku Shansi
April 28 - 1899

Dear Dr. Smith;

Enclosed you will find the appeal that Mr. Atwater and I were authorized to write at our recent Annual Meeting. I find there has been some confusion about the amount of money needed for the school. It was said that $500.00 or $600.00 would build the dormitories and room for teacher, and another $500.00 a chapel, but that means that the general school room & recitation room, a necessary part of the school, could be used as chapel till we get another, so that was spoken of as chapel instead of school room. I did not understand this when I wrote you last, and supposed we could build what would be ~~absolutely~~ absolutely necessary now with $500.00 or $600.00. This however would leave out the school & recitation rooms which of course are as needed as the sleeping rooms.

As I write tonight we are feeling very anxious about our teacher Mr. Fei of whom I have written. He has been ill with fever for several days and now it is feared that he has the dreaded

Typhus. He is not a strong man physically and we fear in poor condition to ~~meet~~ battle with such a disease. I pray that another life may not be sacrificed to the bad conditions about us, before we can leave them for the purer air of the new place. This young has won the respect and affection of the workers, native and foreign, and has been a force for righteousness among us. The loss of such a man may not mean less to the work than the loss of one of us and if staying on here brings such losses as this, we shall feel that it is poor economy for the American Churches.

Most sincerely yours
Rowena Ke

Miss Rowena Kenney
Tai-ku, April 28, 1899
Rec'd June 13